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OF THE TOWN OF

# SUTTON, N.H.

*Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow,  
creeps in this petty pace from day to day...*

— Shakespeare





ANNUAL REPORT  
of Town Officers and Committees

**SUTTON**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
and  
VITAL STATISTICS

**1991 REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N.H.**



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## TOWN OFFICERS

### Moderator

Robert E. Bowers, Jr.	Term Expires 1992
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### Selectmen

Robert S. Bristol	Resigned 1991
Roy W. Prince	Term Expires 1992
John F. Biewener	Term Expires 1992
Thaddeus C. Johnson	Term Expires 1994

### Town Treasurer

William F. Kinnally	Term Expires 1992
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### Deputy Town Treasurer

Eugene J. Aubert	Resigned 1991
Irene C. Davis	Term Expires 1992

### Town Clerk

Carol P. Curless	Term Expires 1992
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### Deputy Town Clerk

Dianne A. Burgess	Resigned 1991
Courtney E. Haase	Term Expires 1992

### Tax Collector

Carol P. Curless	Term Expires 1992
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### Deputy Tax Collector

Dianne A. Burgess	Resigned 1991
Courtney E. Haase	Term Expires 1992

### Highway Agent

George H. Hosmer, Jr.	Term Expires 1992
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### Trustees of Trust Funds

Dorothy Wright	Resigned 1991
Estelle Rooney	Resigned 1991
Frederick J. Rathbun	Resigned 1991
Eugene J. Aubert	Term Expires 1992
John F. Biewener	Resigned 1992
Marjorie R. Knight	Term Expires 1993
David D. Doran	Term Expires 1994

### *Budget Committee*

Edward J. Butler	Resigned 1991
William I. Curless	Term Expires 1992
Charles G. Ash, III	Term Expires 1992
John F. Biewener (Chairman)	Term Expires 1993
George G. Wells	Term Expires 1993
Alan P. Harris	Term Expires 1994
Walter Baker	Term Expires 1994

### *Planning Board*

Robert S. Bristol (Ex-Officio)	Resigned 1991
Robert Nelson	Resigned 1991
Jennifer K. Swett	Resigned 1991
Jean C. Vivian	Term Expires 1992
Naia C. Florence (Applications Secretary)	Term Expires 1993
Margaret Forbes	Term Expires 1993
Anita N. Blakeman	Term Expires 1993
Daniel Sundquist (Chairman)	Term Expires 1994
Susan R. Uhl (Alternate)	Term Expires 1994
Russell E. Breck, Jr.	Term Expires 1994

### *Zoning Board of Adjustment*

Martha B. Denz	Term Expires 1992
C. Luke Heffernan	Term Expires 1992
William Hallahan	Term Expires 1992
Charles P. Forsberg (Alternate)	Term Expires 1992
Charles V. Sebring (Alternate)	Term Expires 1993
Stephen Vallandigham	Term Expires 1993
Andrew R. Supplee (Chairman)	Term Expires 1994
Marjorie R. Knight (Alternate)	Term Expires 1994
Thaddeus C. Johnson (Ex-Officio)	Term Expires 1994

### *Cemetery Commission (Elective)*

Herman L. Foster	Term Expires 1992
Darrell Palmer	Term Expires 1993
Carroll L. Thompson	Term Expires 1994

### *Supervisors of the Checklist*

Frederick J. Rathbun	Term Expires 1992
Jo Ann Meaney	Term Expires 1994
Dorothy Wright	Term Expires 1995



*Overseer of Public Welfare  
(Elective)*

Lorna Geggis	Term Expires 1992
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*Trustees, Sutton Free Library  
(Elective)*

Niki Tautkus	Term Expires 1992
Marsha Harrison	Term Expires 1992
Elizabeth Bennett	Term Expires 1993
Henry Nichols	Term Expires 1993
Elizabeth B. Anderson	Term Expires 1994
Jill Chadwick	Term Expires 1994

*Librarian*

Jeanette Couch	Term Expires 1992
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*Trustees, Old Store Museum*

Donald C. Davis, Jr.	Term Expires 1992
Robert A. O'Neil	Term Expires 1992
Elizabeth R. Wells	Term Expires 1993
Dorothy Wright	Term Expires 1993
Ann Lord	Term Expires 1994
Margaret Forand	Term Expires 1994

*Conservation Commission*

Leo Dube	Resigned 1991
Steven I. Lord	Resigned 1991
Charles F. Whittemore	Term Expires 1992
George G. Wells	Term Expires 1992
Roy W. Prince (Ex-Officio)	Term Expires 1992
Eugene Aubert	Term Expires 1993
David Anderson	Term Expires 1993
Kathy K. Brown	Term Expires 1994

*Police Department*

Russell Bailey, Special Police Officer	Resigned 1991
John R. Lambert, Chief of Police	Term Expires 1992
Ginger M. Cloutier, Auxiliary Police Officer	Term Expires 1992
John P. Simonds, Auxiliary Police Officer	Term Expires 1992

*Building Inspector*

William J. Eachus	Resigned 1991
Wayne Grover	Term Expires 1992

### *Health Officer*

*(Appointed by Selectmen/State Board of Health)*

Charles P. Forsberg

Term Expired 12/3/91

### *Solid Waste Committee*

Virginia D. Johnson (Chairman)

Term Expires 1992

George G. Wells

Term Expires 1992

Edward J. Butler

Term Expires 1992

Norman Forand

Term Expires 1992

Charles P. Forsberg

Term Expires 1992

### *Road Committee*

C. Luke Heffernan

Term Expires 1992

John F. Biewener

Term Expires 1992

Naia Florence

Term Expires 1992

Robert S. Bristol

Term Expires 1992

George H. Hosmer, Jr.

Term Expires 1992

Douglas H. Sweet

Term Expires 1992

### *Emergency Management Director*

Thomas Stotler

Resigned 1991



**1950:** To vote to apply proceeds of sale of timber land near Dresser Hill, \$3,550, to pay on the accumulated deficit of previous years.

To see if the Town will vote to purchase a power shovel, \$4,990.

Town appropriations: \$20,930.

School appropriations: \$22,130.

Planning Board: problem of providing water for fire protection. To install a dry hydrant on the bridge at South Sutton.

## REPORT FROM THE ROUND ROOM - 1991

The report for the year ending 1954 was the first attempt to change the format of the Town Report and included a "Selectmen's Narrative;" the first report entitled "Report from the Round Room" appeared in the Town Report for the year ending 1956.

Almost without exception, the first paragraphs in each of the years since have been devoted to what happened to the tax rate in the year just passed. This year's "narrative" will not break that chain.

### TAX RATE

The 1991 rate increased \$2.10 over 1990's rate or 5.7 percent. The Town's share decreased 23 cents from \$9.83 to \$9.60. The County's share decreased one cent; but the School's share increased \$2.34, or ten percent.

It is obvious that what a property owner pays for the privilege of living in Sutton is a sensitive matter, especially in the economic climate of 1991 and 1992. Sometimes a taxpayer's anguish reached the point of making an appeal for an abatement. There were thirty or so of those, for which abatements were granted to thirteen; but there were many more from whom there was no special outcry and payment of the tax bill was made with some grumbling.

### REVALUATION

The whole elaborate and somewhat cumbersome process of a complete revaluation of each and every parcel of real estate in the entire Town was started in January 1992. It is being performed by the Property Appraisal Division of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

A public information meeting will be held to advise taxpayers on how the revaluation is done, but briefly:

The objective of the revaluation is to establish a current fair value of each property **relative** to all other properties in town, as of April 1, 1992. Each property in town will be visited, buildings measured, and notes made concerning the type and quality of construction, physical condition, location, etc. It is in the best interest of the taxpayer to allow a complete interior inspection of all buildings since depreciation, which lowers assessments, will otherwise have to be estimated from the outside.

The appraisers will have in their possession proper state identification cards and will be driving cars with state emblems.

The town-wide process will take three or four months to complete. The old valuations will be erased and entirely new ones put in their place.

There will be an opportunity for all interested property owners to review their new assessment(s) with the appraiser who examined the property. The meetings for the reviews will be widely publicized.

It is impossible to tell what the effect of these changes will be on any one individual tax bill until the revaluation job is completed. The new values



will be added up to find the sum of all the assessments; then, with the amount of money known to be required to run the Town, County and School, a new tax rate will be computed.

With a new rate established, the individual will be able to ascertain what effect the revaluation has had on his share of the taxes.

## **SEPTAGE DISPOSAL**

The Town adopted Article 8 of the Warrant in last year's Annual Meeting which directed that a new septage disposal lagoon be constructed. Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) was raised for this project and with some "held over" funds for engineering studies, the project was started and completed in 1991 at a total cost of \$12,300.00.

The Town Meeting also adopted Article 13 providing a fee schedule and bylaws for the operation of the septage lagoon.

The lagoon was completed, a dual-pool system. It gives a neat appearance, complete with a fence for safety and security. Grass appeared on the sloping sides within a few weeks of the withdrawal of the construction workers and equipment; in a short while septage haulers came to use the new facility and expressed satisfaction with it and gratitude that there is such a place available in Sutton.

In addition to the septage lagoon, there is in place an agreement with a local landowner for a State-approved site for landspreading of septage waste during the non-frozen ground season.

## **ROBY ROAD AND OTHER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Or the last chapter in the Bond-Road Improvement Program.

There were some "leftovers" to be completed from the 1990 season, namely some minor "finish" work on Baker Hill Road and finish paving on Keyser Street. Both of these jobs were completed.

There was about ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) still available. It was the decision of the Road Committee and the Selectmen to perform whatever work could be accomplished for that sum on the Roby Road.

The worst places were selected, where there were drainage problems, the greatest number of protruding rocks, broken pavement, etc. Bids were solicited, and after some negotiations to make it possible to do some of the work in a modified form, contractors were selected for the amount of money available. While not perfect, the improvements made in the Roby Road have brought rave reviews for what was accomplished.

See the accounting of the "Bond, Capital Improvement Program" on another page of this report.

## **TOWN HALL**

Last year's Warrant Article #9 asked to allow some "sprucing up" of the 100-year-old Town Hall. As the workmen performed their tasks, they con-



firmed our confidence in the general soundness and good architectural features of our building.

There was some cosmetic work done, such as painting and the restoration of some of the pictures; also there was some important restoration of the slate roof, brick work, and the soffits of the gable over the front door.

The tasks were a “mixed bag” and were, therefore, done by a number of artisans. The word “artisan” is used advisedly as citizens of Sutton “lucked out” in the craftsmen who answered the advertisements for bids: painters who fussed over details, a competent and careful carpenter, masons who cared about matching the color of mortar, and a slater who was particular to blend in the slate.

The pictures in the Town Hall received some much-needed attention. To the casual observer, and to those who have seen these portraits for many years, they appeared to be photographs ensconced in elaborate Victorian frames. However, some of them are charcoal drawings, mounted on canvas and stretchers in the manner of oil paintings.

The three Pillsbury brothers: John Sargent, Benjamin Franklin and George Alfred are such portraits drawn in charcoal on paper, by “F.H. Morse ’91.” That is, these are the works of an artist, and they are one hundred years old. In addition, they were natives of Sutton and benefactors of the Town. John Sargent donated the Town Hall and George Alfred donated the Soldiers’ Monument at South Sutton.

Because of the importance of the individuals, and the fact that these are not mere photographs, it was determined that money should be spent on the portraits and frames to restore them and to preserve them. The work was done at a Conservation Laboratory at considerable expense, namely \$3,250.00 for the three pictures and frames.

The following is a description of the appearance before treatment of the three portraits. There was some slight difference in the state of each of them, but, in general, they were about in the same condition:

From the “Conservation Treatment Report:” “(The) work is laid down (glued) on canvas support, and this assembly, in turn, is mounted on a fixed wooden stretcher. There is very heavy discoloration from the adhesive used to glue down the work on canvas as well as foxing (discolored with yellowish-brown stain) marks. There are two small losses on the margins, and very heavy acid hydrolysis burns in the lower right hand corner in a 2-3/4" x 4-3/4" rectangle. There is a small loss in the frame as well.” Note: the rectangle in the right hand corner results from the index card placed in the frame to identify the picture.

The treatment of each is described similarly: “Artifact removed from stretcher and dismounted from canvas support; adhesive residue removed from verso (reverse side of the drawing). Work deacidified and remounted on new linen. Voids and losses leafcast/filled, and stains and discoloration removed/reduced as much as possible. Work retouched as required. Small loss in frame



**1951:** *To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town Hall to be used for basketball practice and competitive games only in elementary school groups.*

*To vote on raising money for cleaning the "mill pond," and repairing the dam at the Library.*

*Town appropriations: \$26,151.*

*School appropriation: \$27,457.*

*Superintendent of Schools report: "Sutton still has the problem of providing adequate housing for the children of the town. Although the School Board had done some painting to make the buildings' appearance more attractive, nothing has been done to improve the basic conditions of the school buildings."*

repaired. Reframed with conservation grade mat, backing, dust seal, and ultra violet filter lens (glass in the frame)."

From the descriptions above of the condition of the pictures and the conservation treatment, it may easily be seen that it is the work of artisans with special skills and knowledge. The work is done with care and takes between twenty and twenty-five hours for each portrait. Hence the cost.

Please look at the Pillsbury boys whenever you are in the Town Hall and admire their clean/shiney faces, the refurbished frames and the new brass name plates on them.

## **NEW LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

The March Town Meeting made some changes in the Zoning Ordinance:

Article IV Residential District was amended to clarify "home occupations;" reduce the number of onsite employees to two in addition to the owner/tenant; require off-street parking; add day care centers to permitted uses with a Special Exception.

Amendment to Article III requires that the use of an occupied or unoccupied travel trailer is permitted only as an accessory unit to a residence existing on the property.

Amendment to Article XIII clarifies the definition of an occupied travel trailer; and adds to the existing definition of travel trailer the State definition.

Amendment 6 to Article III, General Provisions: (a) prohibits facilities for burial, disposal, storage, transfer, or reprocessing of all types of waste materials; (b) prohibits all uses accessory to the above; (c) allows certain exceptions for Town facilities, agricultural wastes, temporary storage of wastes incidental to a business and stump disposal.

Amendment 7 to Article IV, Residential District/Lakeshore Requirements and to Article V, Rural-Agricultural District/Shoreland Requirements: (a) setback distance of 50 feet for all new housing from ponds, lakes and wetlands



in the Residential District; (b) setback distance of 125 feet for septic systems for all new construction from mean high water level of specified lakes; (c) 75 foot setback from wetlands in the Rural-Agricultural District; (d) prohibits septic systems within 75 feet of wetlands in Rural-Agricultural District.

### **Extension of Building Permits**

The Selectmen voted to renew expired Building Permits for one year without a fee; the extended permit to be valid for one year from the date of renewal.

### **Safety Equipment, Personnel at Incinerator**

The Selectmen voted to require employees at the Solid Waste Disposal area to use safety equipment (hard hats, proper goggles, etc.) when operating machinery, e.g. the glass crusher; appropriate gloves, “hard-toe” shoes. The cost of the equipment to be paid by the Town.

This was in response to recommendations by the Town’s Workers’ Compensation insurance carrier and the N.H. Department of Safety.

### **Addition to Rules about Hazardous Materials**

Amendment was made to the Rules and Regulations for the proper use of the Incinerator facility; duly posted in the usual places in town and an advertisement in the Kearsarge Shopper:

“Whereas, the Town of Sutton’s Rules and Regulations pertaining to the proper use of the Incinerator, adopted as a Town By-Law, August 1, 1978, amended by Town Meeting vote March 12, 1980, and amended April 6, 1987, that HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS are PROHIBITED:

Whereas, oil is listed as a “hazardous waste” in the Town’s Regulations;

Whereas, New Hampshire Regulation Env. - Wm 807 defines waste oil as a hazardous waste material;

Whereas, New Hampshire Regulations require special handling, holding tanks, testing, and disposal that are expensive and unmanageable at the Sutton Incinerator Facility;

Therefore, it is RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting March 11, 1991, that as of April 1, 1991 waste oil will not be accepted at the Incinerator Facility; and that homeowners may retain their generated waste oil at home until the annual hazardous waste collection, at which time they may legally dispose of it.”

## **POLICIES**

### **Police Department**

“Police Protection for the Town of Sutton” — A Policy Statement by the Board of Selectmen — Adopted June 24, 1991.

“Administrative control of the Police Department is exercised by the Board of Selectmen. Said administrative control is effected by the Board principally by means of their supervision of the Police Chief, whose duties and responsibilities are set forth in the respective Job Descriptions. The rules for personnel administration within the Department are detailed in the Personnel Policy of the Town of Sutton, adopted effective January 1, 1991.”



**1952:** *To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town Hall to be used for basketball practice and competitive games only in elementary school groups.*

*To vote on raising money for cleaning the "mill pond," and repairing the dam at the Library.*

*To see if the Town will take any action in regard to the present custom of paying for hearse hire.*

*To see if the Town will raise/appropriate \$50 for the removal of the public watering tub in Sutton Village.*

*Town appropriations: \$21,190.*

*School appropriation: \$30,331.*

*Report of "Fire Protection Committee" Recommended: 1) Fire equipment be located at North Sutton; 2) Pumper from the South Village be at North Sutton station in winter; 3) Men in South and Mills section to organize and get training; 4) Annual appropriation of \$450; 5) Appointment, annually by Selectmen of "Fire Committee" of three.*

Policies for the conduct of work within the Department shall be established and implemented by the Police Chief, in the context of the following statements defining overall policy regarding police protection in the Town.

1. Priority in the scheduling of work and the assignment of officers shall be given to responding to emergency requests for assistance, whether transmitted directly or through the Dispatch Office. Within the constraints of the approved budget, the Chief shall be available at all times to answer such calls or, if he will be unavailable during a certain period, he shall arrange that another officer be available and shall so notify the Dispatch Office. Should budgeted funds be insufficient for 7-day, 24-hour service, the Chief shall notify the Dispatch Office of those days/hours when calls must be referred to the State Police.
2. Patrol and traffic control are also essential elements of police protection, although of lower priority, and shall comprise a key part of the Department's activities. Resources are not sufficient for continuous service of this type, which instead shall be scheduled during hours of more intense traffic or greater probability of need for law enforcement, or in some cases to coincide with large community gatherings such as parades.
3. The importance of "showing the flag" as a deterrent to unlawful activities is recognized, and consequently patrols shall be conducted in all geographic sectors of the Town; nevertheless, given the tight budgetary constraints, priority in execution of patrols shall be given to those areas where experience has shown greater need for law enforcement.
4. While police protection for citizens of Sutton shall be emphasized, adequate coordination with the police departments of neighboring towns and joint action through mutual assistance programs is encouraged.



5. While not underestimating the importance of well-perfected skills in the use of force and physical arrest should their need be manifestly evident, the development and application of techniques of mediation, conflict resolution, and non-violent approach to police work shall be emphasized.
6. Any prior official written statements issued by the Board of Selectmen defining overall policy on police protection for the Town are hereby rescinded.

### **Policy on Sexual Harassment**

The policy was approved and adopted on October 27, 1991, and became a part of the Personnel Policy. Its purpose as stated:

“The Town’s policy is to provide a professional, businesslike work environment free from all forms of employee discrimination including incidents of sexual harassment. No employee shall be subjected to unsolicited and unwelcomed sexual overtures or verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment will be treated as misconduct with appropriate disciplinary sanctions.”

### **ROAD MATTERS**

Another area of POLICY is on the subject of roads.

Late in the year, the Selectmen joined forces with the Planning Board and the Road Committee to start an important job on the updating of the Capital Improvement Program.

The CIP should be current for the statutory requirement that impact fees can be levied only within the context of a CIP. There should be a well-thought-out and defensible plan for road improvements in the Town for the purpose of prioritizing road work; and hand-in-hand with that goes budgeting of highway maintenance expenses, and probably also equipment purchases.

The Road Committee has met and, during 1992, they will take account of the Town’s road inventory and develop a plan for capital improvements.

### **Gile Pond Road - Restriction Ordinance**

Two hearings were held on this subject and after consideration of the testimony presented, the ordinance was adopted, January 13, 1992. The ordinance prohibits through trucking for vehicles registered for gross weight in excess of twelve tons from Gile Pond Road, excluding passenger vehicles such as school buses. Through trucking is defined to mean any travel over this road where no stops for local delivery are made at a point on the road unless the origin or destination of travel is located along the road.

The posting of the road, and the effective date will become known in 1992.

### **CURRENT USE**

There are modifications in progress in the Current Use Law which will become effective in 1992. Applications for transfer of property to Current Use Assessment should be made toward the end of March, but prior to the

deadline of April 15. It is important for applicants and the Town to learn about the changes in categories, method of application and other details that will become known sometime in March and April.

In preparation for the Revaluation, and because of the changes pending in the Current Use Law, we requested landowners with Current Use Assessments to provide information about the part of their premises that is Not In Current Use (NICU). This is the part of their land that does not qualify for Current Use and needs to be clearly defined to make their assessment on a fair basis for them, and their fellow taxpayers.

The requests for new maps, information, and marking the parts NICU were well received and the landowners were cooperative in responding to the inquiries.

## **THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING**

**MARCH 11, 1992**

### **Article by Article Commentary**

#### **Article 1**

The Town's basic services are run by the moneys appropriated in this Article. A comparison of the total figure for all these items shows that there is less than 1% increase above the 1991 total. There are "ups" and "downs," but luckily the "downs" almost balance out the "ups."

General Government is an "up."

Some increase in salaries.

Increase in Officer's expenses, but included in that are fees for engineering assistance for the Road Committee, more conservation work on the pictures in the Town Hall, additional cost of the annual audit; a new service for re-searching tax-lien mortgages; increased medical insurance costs.

This is election year and the additional activity costs more money. Ipso facto.

Cemeteries up \$1,000.00.

Regional Association up.

Legal expenses down. This item is reduced with the thought that there is a Capital Reserve Fund that may be drawn on if there are unusual and urgent need to pay legal bills.

In the Public Safety category the Police Department shows an increase due to an increase in the Chief's salary, the higher charge made for dispatch services by the Town of New London, medical insurance for the Chief, minor additional expenses.

Increases in the area of Sanitation and Health are in the Solid Waste Department, reflecting increased wages, and some basic costs.

The increases in highway costs in the General Expense category of the Highway Department are due to the possibility that the underground fuel tanks at the Town sheds may have to be removed and replaced with above-ground tanks.

Welfare assistance is dramatically increased to \$8,000.00; this should be to no one's surprise.

The most significant decrease is in Debt Service, or the interest paid on tax anticipation loans, the Road Bond note, and the Truck note. The decrease in interest rates is a real help to the Town, amounting to a dollar decrease of \$20,000.00 for interest in the tax loan cost.

Insurance costs are up due to a general increase in the Property/Liability policy, plus the inclusion of personnel and a truck of the FAST Squad.

## Articles 2 and 3

Articles 2 and 3 request moneys for Capital Reserve Funds. Last year, in an economy move, there was no money set aside in Reserve Funds. Article 2 asks for \$1,000.00 for the Cemetery CRF and \$10,000.00 for the Incinerator/Solid Waste Disposal Facility. Both of these funds are long-established and these are additions to them. The Incinerator/Solid Waste Disposal Facility was established in 1982 and specifically noted that it is for **“Repair/Replacement of the incinerator and other improvements at the Solid Waste Disposal Facility.”**

Article 3 is to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for a Police Cruiser. Since this fund was completely spent on the cruiser we now have, the fund being established anew.

## Article 4

Article 4 asks the purchase of a new dump truck, fully equipped to replace a 1983 truck which has served its usefulness and would cost in the vicinity of \$10,000.00 to repair to keep it running. It would appear that spending ten thousand dollars would buy a relatively short period of time before the issue of a purchase would have to be met and a new truck purchased. If is proposed in this Article that the Town borrow \$40,000.00 to finance the purchase of the truck.

## Article 5

Article 5 is on the subject of putting a finish course of hot-mix asphalt concrete on 4,950 feet of Kearsarge Valley Road. This proposal is for the purpose of finishing the work that was started on that road three years ago,

**1953:** *To see what action the Town may/will take in regard to printing lists of unpaid taxes in the Town Report. (Voted to discontinue.)*

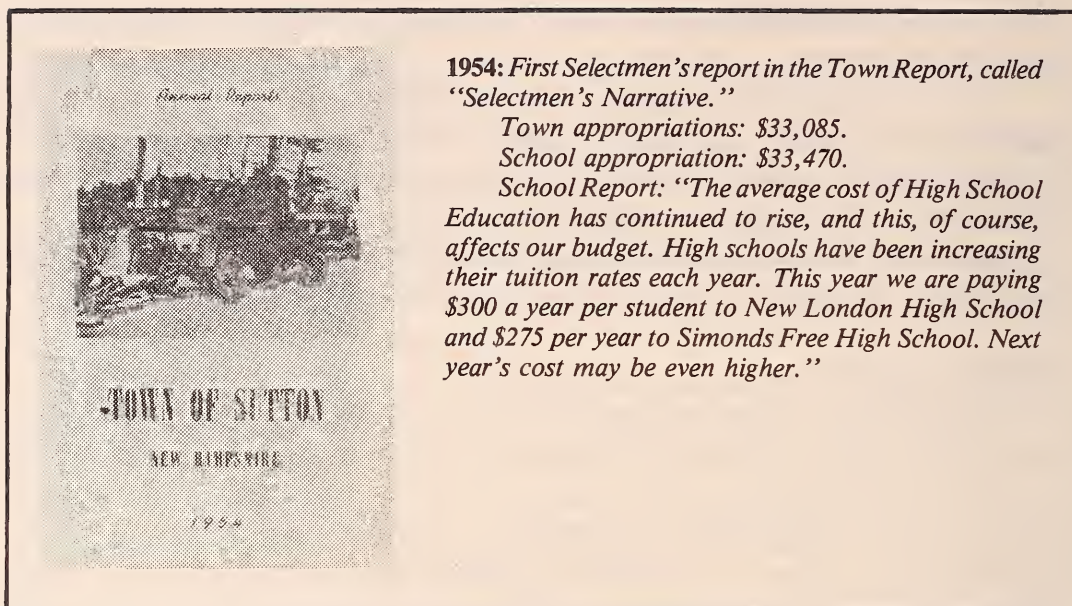
*To see if the Town will raise \$50 for repainting the “Entering” and “Leaving” Town signs.*

*Town appropriations: \$21,191.*

*School appropriation: \$36,155.*

*Superintendent of Schools: “...we will have been in the new school building one year. I still am thrilled each time I go into the building and think of the buildings we used to have and the wonderful place we now have for our children.”*





and it was known at that time that it was incomplete. The finish course would preserve what has been done and prolong the life of the pavement.

## Article 6

Article 6 is a request to make significant improvement to the gravel surfacing of certain Town roads where the application of small amounts allowed in the regular maintenance appropriation do not keep up with the normal wear/tear, and erosion of the surfaces. It is believed that continuing "special appropriations" for gravel would allow the Town to play catch-up.

## Article 7

The original estimate for the revaluation of the Town was made in 1989 and based on fewer parcels than now exist. The most recent estimate using 1,568 parcels for a base results in a cost of \$84,000.00. The appropriation for the revaluation, Article 5, Meeting of 1991, is \$75,043.00, expenditures during 1991 in amount of \$4,723.00 leaves a balance of \$70,320.00. It is considered prudent by the Budget Committee to have all the funds at hand during the current year to obviate the need for a Special Town Meeting.

In their letter of January 14, 1992, containing the new quotation, the Department of Revenue states: "Before we can start the revaluation your town must have raised at least the amount of the estimate. We will need copies of the warrant articles along with the minutes of the town meeting indicating the funds have been appropriated."

## Article 8

When the work was done on the roof of the Town Hall last summer, certain other deficiencies were discovered.

The first one, and more critical, is the the condition of the tower roof where the flashing has deteriorated seriously; visible to a person on the front



walk by the discoloration of the white paint on the cornice. This is a costly project because it is a fussy job requiring skill and done with expensive materials. The bid on the proposed work is to put the flashings in two valleys, chimney cricket and the metal base of the turret roof. The cost: \$4,465.00.

The price includes all staging work and a mason to repoint. New wood to be primed. The base of the turret roof and the chimney cricket to be replaced with lead-coated copper and the two valleys tying the turret roof to the main roof with 20 oz. copper.

The second job is work on the main roof where it was found that many slates are damaged on the unexposed part; fractured slates and some slates nailed through the exposed part with galvanized nails. It requires the replacing of approximately two square of slate, or about 400 slate at \$7.50 each.

The roof was laid with slate intended to have 16" exposure, but was laid with 18" exposure, making a smaller than normal headlap, and in some cases none at all. The above number of slate is less than 5% of the roof. The cost quoted on this project is \$3,000.00.

## Article 9

The sign project was started at Town Meeting 1990, with the approval of \$1,800.00. A bid was awarded to a local builder to build 40 signs according to the specifications provided at \$45.00 each; additional \$10 was allowed for cement to be used in the installation, or \$55.00 per sign. The Highway Department is to install the signs. Ten signs have been completed and installed, 17 signs are to be completed by April 15, 1992, at a total cost of \$1,485.00. This leaves a balance of \$365.00 of the original appropriation.

The Chairman of the Sutton Road Identification Sign Program suggests that \$1,800.00 appropriation at the 1992 Town Meeting will construct and install 40 more signs. Hopefully all 67 signs will be installed by October 1992.

## Article 10

A new bunch of regulations is at hand, issued by the N.H. Department of Environmental Services in a book entitled: "*Solid Waste Rules*," published June 1991, but received in December by the Town Office. Our Solid Waste Committee has studied this document to learn the technical details of the Rules, which apparently **might impose changes in the Town's management of solid waste**, with future impact on costs.

The Committee concluded that the Town should appropriate, by a Special Warrant Article, the sum of \$5,000.00 to cover anticipated permitting and testing costs REQUIRED BY THE NEW "*Solid Waste Rules*."

## Article 11

The South Sutton Community Meetinghouse has been situated on the land westerly of Meetinghouse Hill Road and operated as a meeting house since 1806. Although the Sutton Old Home Day Association has a deed on

that portion of the property on which the old school house is situated, a search of the records in the Registry of Deeds has revealed no deed from the Town of Sutton to the South Sutton Community Meetinghouse Association. Roberta W. Hosmer owns the property abutting the property and has raised a claim to ownership of a portion of that property. This resulted in litigation in 1978 and 1979, which has not been resolved. On May 2, 1990, the Selectmen voted to withdraw from the litigation. The Selectmen have no interest in expending additional sums or otherwise being involved in litigation in a dispute which appears to exist between Roberta W. Hosmer and the South Sutton Community Meetinghouse Association. Nor do the Selectmen believe that the Town should be involved in a dispute with the South Sutton Community Meetinghouse Association as to the ownership of the property used by and claimed by the South Sutton Meetinghouse Association. Therefore, it is the Selectmen's recommendation that whatever ownership interest it may have in the disputed property, if any it has, be transferred to and quitclaimed to the South Sutton Community Meetinghouse Association with a clear statement to the Association that any claim to or dispute arising out of the property is between, and shall be resolved by, Roberta W. Hosmer and the South Sutton Community Meetinghouse Association without any involvement of or by the Town of Sutton. It is the intention of the Selectmen that by this conveyance it will absolve itself of any liability or obligation with regard to the disputed property, and will avoid litigation and other costs which may be associated with the property and the dispute relating to the property.

## **Article 12**

The Blaisdell Farm Road has been the subject of continuing interest between a landowner, now residing on the Road, and the Selectmen.

At a regular meeting of the Selectmen, June 8, 1987 with all present the unanimous vote passed: "to post the following roads: 'This road not maintained for winter travel.' " in accordance with a proposal by the Budget Committee to post roads. Note: Blaisdell Farm Road is one of ten roads so designated to be posted in this manner.

The Statutory authority for this action was the then existing law: 231:79: "Towns shall be exempt from keeping open and repairing highways to summer cottages from December 10 to April 10."

And: 231:80: "The selectmen shall seasonably post or cause to be posted at the entrances of such highways notices of the closing and opening thereof."

And: 231:81: "Any town may, by a majority vote, open such highways the entire year, and make such repairs thereon as may be deemed necessary."

June 26, 1987, the Road Agent duly posted a sign at each end of Blaisdell Farm Road.

The Statute was amended generally in 1989.

The method of designating a road as being a highway to summer cottages has been altered by this Legislation and now requires one of two methods.





SUTTON  
IN 1955

**1955:** To see if the Town will rescind the vote taken at the 1954 meeting which raised \$300 for the purpose of blasting ledges in Lane River at South Sutton. To see if the Town will vote to apply one-half of the amount to the improvement of the South Sutton Common, and the other one-half to the improvement of the Sutton Free Library grounds.

*“Selectmen’s Report for 1955:” 1) FWD Dodge Power Wagon donated to Fire Department by E.B. Foot; 2) Purchase of Ford tractor with Wagner down-pressure loader (\$3,000); 3) Perambulation of Newbury, Warner and Wilmot Town lines.*

The opening and maintaining of such a highway may be by the Selectmen, upon petition; OR as before, by a majority vote of the Town.

In 1987, when the road was declared to be a “highway to summer cottages,” there was no dwelling on the road. The occupancy of one of the lots has occurred since April 30, 1991. HOWEVER, 231:81 III “The designation of a highway to summer cottages shall not be deemed altered by any change of use of land served by said highway, in the absence of action pursuant to paragraph II.” That is, opening by petition to the Selectmen or by a majority vote of the Town.

A petition of the landowner and ten others, September 1991, for opening the road was denied by the Selectmen, stating that: it was not considered “—prudent or favorable to the Town to reopen the road—.”

In their letter of September 30, 1991, the Selectmen cited practical problems connected with winter maintenance of this road, such as lack of space to place the snow; difficulty of turning snow-plow trucks both ends of the road; the use of the four-wheel-drive when its use is more critical on school bus routes. Secondly, the difficulty of maintaining Blaisdell Farm Road for safe winter travel, since these problems would be greatly increased if the road were opened for winter use. Thirdly, that severe mudding would result from winter maintenance and would have to be corrected at additional expense.

The landowner and the Selectmen reached an agreement in December 1991 to the effect that the Town would plow/sand Blaisdell Farm Road from the Upper Blaisdell Road to the driveway of the residence for the winter season 1991-1992, and that an Article would be included in the Town Warrant for the Meeting of March 1992 requesting money for the reconstruction/upgrading work required to allow maintenance for winter travel, and provided that should the Article fail, the Town will NOT plow the road in the winter of 1992-1993.

An engineering study has been made of Blaisdell Farm Road to confirm the estimated costs of making this highway safe, and one that can be properly maintained. The construction cost estimate is about \$45,000.00.



The Budget Committee places the proposal in the column "Not Recommended."

Should an amendment be moved at Town Meeting to provide winter maintenance of the road, or part of it as far as the driveway of the residence as noted, without reconstructing/upgrading the road, the Selectmen advise the following:

Serious safety hazards would be entailed in winter use of the full length of the road, and the difficulties of snow removal as noted above would be painfully evident, and is the reason that it has been determined that it is not feasible to open the full length of the road to winter use.

It is equally impracticable to open the road for winter use only the portion from Blaisdell Hill Road to the driveway of the residence:

- a) Because the road is only about 12 feet wide, and no adequate turn-around area is available, plowing could not be accomplished by Town equipment. The road would have to be plowed by small hired equipment, at additional expense to the taxpayers.
- b) Drivers accustomed to winter closure of Blaisdell Farm Road, but unaccustomed to a plowed but dead-end condition half way down the road, would find a difficult and possibly unsafe condition on being surprised by the necessity of turning around and returning to Blaisdell Hill Road. Signing would help, but not totally eliminate this problem.
- c) The portion of the road in question is poorly drained, a condition that can be remedied only by raising the grade, improving definition of the side ditches, and installing an additional culvert.
- d) The road, essentially of common earth and containing virtually no gravel surfacing material, is extremely unstable during thawing periods. Consequently, if the snow were removed by winter plowing, deep ruts would develop during mid-winter thaws and particularly during the prolonged spring thaw, during which time the road would become impassable.
- e) Ruts formed during mid-winter thaws can complicate subsequent snow plowing and even make it impossible, especially by small equipment. The Road Agent reports that after the upheaved edges of the ruts freeze to a rock-hard condition the snowplow blade can be seriously damaged.

For the reasons outlined above, it is inadvisable to undertake winter plowing on any part of Blaisdell Farm Road without first constructing major improvements to the width, grade, drainage, surfacing materials, and other features affecting plowing and winter use.

### **Article 13**

This long Article quotes the entire Statute, but the meat of the issue is giving the Selectmen some flexibility in the matter of adjusting fees or charges for certain purposes. The problem arose in the matter of amending Building



**1956:** *To raise money for the purchase of a truck, or for repairs of highway equipment.*

*To raise money to complete the construction of the South Sutton Fire House.*

*To vote to install two street lights on Andrews Avenue.*

*To raise \$300 to install a Red Network Alarm System.*

*FIRST "Report from the Round Room."*

*1955 Town Report placed third in N.H. Town Report contest.*

*Trim on Town Hall painted, and new "assist" rail installed on front steps.*

*Fire Ward John Csutor constructed dam for "fire pond" on King Brook.*

Permit fees. But the Statute limits any changes to licenses or permits which are part of a regulatory program already established by vote of the Town. Further, the fees or charges shall not exceed an amount reasonably calculated to cover the Town's regulatory, administrative and enforcement costs.

#### **Article 14**

Article 14 is part of the Warrant at the request of the Cemetery Commissioners. The regulations as stated obviously address some problems that have occurred in the cemeteries. For instance, the installation of headstones where the existing stones are footstones, or new memorials being placed in some different orientation than the ones already in place.

#### **Articles 15, 16 and 17**

Articles 15, 16 and 17 are important "housekeeping" or "boiler plate" Articles, but deserve affirmative action by the voters at Town Meeting.

#### **Article 18**

An unfinished piece of business, a sort of "leftover" from the construction of I-89, is a remnant of the old North Road. It is a piece of road that runs southeasterly from Whiskey Pine Road and dead-ends at the right-of-way line of the interstate road. In other words, it is a road to nowhere. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests owns a parcel of land on each side of this road, the former Primeval Pine Reservation. The proposed discontinuance will permit access to the Society's land, leaving about 100 feet of access to both their parcels.

#### **Article 19**

Article 19 is an Article by Petition. Should Article 6 receive favorable treatment, this request for surface treatment on Rowell Hill Road may well have been answered already.



It should be noted that this Article makes no reference to a sum of money. The petitioners should have addressed this need to the Budget Committee, but with no dollar amount included in the 1992 Budget, the Town Meeting could not appropriate any money under this Article as presented in this form. And, furthermore, pursuant to RSA 32:10: “no board of selectmen—, or other expending agency shall pay or agree to pay any money or incur any liability for the expenditure of money for any purpose **for which an appropriation has not been made,—.**”

## Article 20

This Article concerns Penny Ante Alley, a highway to summer cottages. Historically this road has been in this category since it has never been maintained in the winter. It is a highway to summer cottages per RSA 231:79: “Towns shall be exempt from keeping open and repairing highways to summer cottages from December 10 to April 10.”

This 1893 law was amended 1989 which now gives two formal ways for designating these highways: 1) By the Selectmen, upon petition; and 2) By a majority vote of the Town to “make” an existing Class V highway as a highway to summer cottages.

The 1989 Statute provides two formal ways for opening and maintaining these highways the entire year. 1) By the Selectmen, upon petition; or 2) By majority vote of the Town.

The new law adds this provision in regard to a change of use of the land: “The designation of a highway to summer cottages shall not be deemed altered by any change of use of land served by said highway,—.”

At the 1991 Town Meeting, Article 17 in the Warrant asked the Town to designate Penny Ante Alley as a highway to summer cottages per the 1989 Statute (231:81 I b). The Meeting declined to take action and “tabled” the Article. This had no effect on the status of the Penny Ante Alley. It remains a highway to summer cottages by virtue of the 1893 Statute and its historical usage.

Penny Ante Alley was “laid out” August 3, 1946. Described as follows: “Beginning at a point near the Huntoon House on the road leading from Keyser Street to the Cottage of Warren Whippen and running in a southerly direction over the land of W.A. Sundell to the land of Ellen Penny and Arthur Anderson and the Highway to be 16 feet wide.”

It should be noted that there is no length of this road given. However, the land of Anderson in 1946 was a shore lot with a dimension 100 feet from the shore of the lake to its northerly line. Therefore, it is believed that the road was to be laid out to a point on the Anderson property line 100 feet from the shore.

There is no deed on file at Merrimack County Registry for this road, it was a “taking,” if you will, by the action of the Town in “laying out” the highway.

Another road was laid out by vote of the Town, March 11, 1958: The



purpose of this road was to make a road westerly of the Huntoon House driveway, thus keeping traffic away from the front steps of the hotel. This 1958 road makes a connecting link from Keyser Street to the existing road now known as Park Avenue, and to the Penny Ante Alley road laid out in 1946. The problem with Park Avenue and Penny Ante Alley was that there was no physical connection to Keyser Street, over Town roads.

This “new” 1958 road gave access from Keyser Street over a Town road to Park Avenue and Penny Ante Alley, both Town roads. The 1958 road has this important function. The action in 1958 DOES NOT approve Penny Ante Alley for year-round use as that road continued to be maintained only in the summer. The other “branch,” or Park Avenue, was used and maintained summer and winter.

Penny Ante Alley is a Class V highway (summer maintained only) a distance of 520 feet from its junction with Park Avenue. It is a Class VI highway from the point 520 feet from Park Avenue, and beyond, to its terminus about 100 feet from the lakeshore. It became Class VI through non-maintenance per RSA 229:5, VII: “—all highways which have not been maintained and repaired by the town in suitable condition for travel thereon for 5 successive years of more.”

Often quoted, the records of the N.H. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation DO NOT determine the classification of Town roads. The DOT’s records are merely a reflection of the Town’s records.

In receiving the Block Grant for Highways the money is used as an offset against the budget. The appropriation for highway maintenance as made by the Town must, however, be greater than the sum received from the Block Grant. Since Sutton’s highway appropriation is in excess of \$230,000.00, the State grant is about \$60,000.00, it is obvious that all of the Block Grant money is spent on highways. Further, there is no accounting system to relate dollars per mile of highway.

## **Article 21**

The actual time of the receipt of this Petitioned Article is clouded by the fact that the document was left in the door handle of the Town Hall; it is unclear, therefore, whether its receipt was timely or not. Because of the manner of its delivery, it was barely possible to transmit it to the Budget Committee for inclusion in the Budget for 1992; and it is a not-recommended item.

## **Articles 21, 22 and 23**

Articles 21, 22 and 23 are subjects that are proper for more complete explanation by one or more of the petitioners.

We offer our apologies for the length and complexity of the Warrant, the Round Room and, for that matter, the subjects in the Town Report. These difficulties are just symptomatic of the increasing intricacies of our Town and form of government.

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Hall in said Sutton on the tenth day of March next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, the polls to be open from ten of the clock in the forenoon and to be closed no earlier than six-thirty of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subject:

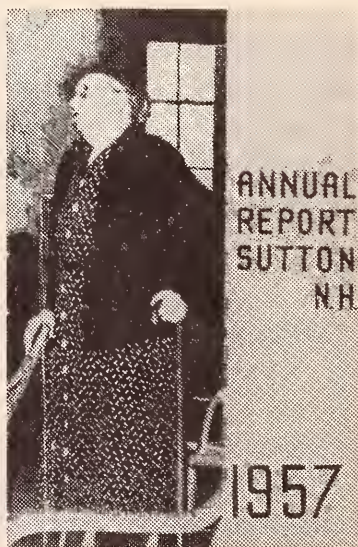
1. To choose all necessary officers.

Given under our hands and seals this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

*Roy W Prince*  
*John F. Biewener*  
*Thaddeus C. Johnson*  
Selectmen of Sutton, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant Attest:

*Roy W. Prince*  
*John F. Biewener*  
*Thaddeus C. Johnson*  
Selectmen of Sutton, N.H.



*1957: To appropriate \$1,500 to purchase the Fire House (old Fire Station alias Blacksmith Shop) at North Sutton.*

*To establish a Capital Reserve Fund for improvements in Pillsbury Memorial Hall.*

*1956 Town Report won first place in N.H. contest, making Town eligible to participate in the New England Municipal Report Competition.*

*Sutton Service Committee erected a World War II memorial at Smiley Grove, North Sutton.*

*Town appropriations: \$36,320.*

*School appropriation: \$34,605.*

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Hall in said Sutton on the eleventh day of March, next at seven of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

**Article 1**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$814,986.00 for general town operations:

*General Government:*

Town Officers' Salaries .....	\$ 30,900.00
Town Officers' Expenses .....	75,800.00
Election and Registration .....	2,430.00
Cemeteries .....	7,500.00
Town Hall .....	6,240.00
Budget Committee .....	450.00
Planning Board .....	3,000.00
Legal .....	6,000.00
Regional Planning Association .....	1,168.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	1,600.00
Audit .....	<u>4,000.00</u>
	\$ 139,088.00

*Public Safety:*

Police Department .....	\$ 54,546.00
Fire Department .....	14,750.00
Building Inspector .....	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$ 70,296.00

*Sanitation and Health:*

Solid Waste Disposal .....	\$ 51,650.00
Health Department .....	100.00
New London Hospital .....	2,000.00
New London Ambulance .....	4,000.00
Bradford Rescue Squad .....	800.00
Sutton Rescue Squad .....	650.00
Lake Sunapee Home Health Care .....	<u>4,415.00</u>
	\$ 63,615.00



*Highways, Bridges, Street Lighting:*

Town Maintenance .....	\$ 231,340.00
General Expenses, Highway Department .....	7,800.00
Street Lighting .....	<u>6,000.00</u>
	\$ 245,140.00

*Welfare:*

General Assistance .....	\$ 8,000.00
Community Action Program .....	2,454.00
Sutton Cooperative Day Care Center .....	<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$ 12,954.00

*Culture and Recreation:*

Library .....	\$ 6,765.00
South Sutton Common .....	300.00
Patriotic Purposes .....	400.00
Conservation Commission .....	251.00
Old Store Museum .....	1,100.00
Churches, a/c Nelson Fund .....	<u>263.00</u>
	\$ 9,079.00

*Debt Service:*

Interest, Tax Anticipation .....	\$ 56,115.00
Interest, Truck Note .....	1,216.00
Interest, Road Bond .....	<u>20,250.00</u>
	\$ 77,581.00

*Debt Retirement:*

Principal, Truck Note .....	\$ 18,500.00
Principal, Road Bond .....	<u>100,000.00</u>
	\$ 118,500.00

*Miscellaneous:*

FICA (Town's Contribution) .....	\$ 17,000.00
Insurance .....	54,483.00
Unemployment Compensation .....	1,100.00
Retirement Plans .....	<u>6,150.00</u>
	\$ 78,733.00
Total Appropriations, Article 1 .....	\$ 814,986.00

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds, already established, as follows:

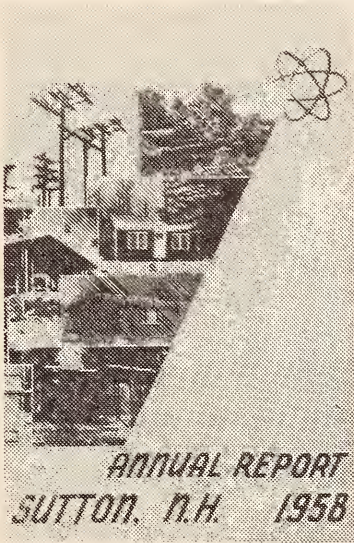
Cemeteries	\$ 1,000.00
Repair/Replacement of Incinerator and other	
Improvements at the Solid Waste Disposal Facility	
(3/10/82 Article #12)	<u>10,000.00</u>
	\$ 11,000.00

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-I for the purpose of a Police Cruiser, and to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to be placed in this fund.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,350.00 for the purchase of a new Ford dump truck with equipment of plow frame and plow, 10 ' dump body, and stainless steel sander for the Highway Department; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$40,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. And to authorize the Selectmen to sell the present truck (1983 F800 Ford) by public auction, sealed bids or by trading in.  
(2/3 vote required by paper ballot by those present and voting at the Annual Meeting.)



**1958:** *To see if the Town will approve alterations and improvements recommended by the Committee (alterations at the Town Hall, to use the Capital Reserve Fund and to draw \$2,500 from the F.E. Nelson Town Fund.*

*1957 Town Report gained first place in both N.H. and New England competition.*

*Acquisition of land adjoining the North Sutton cemetery.*

*Word of proposed four-lane highway connecting Concord and Lebanon. "Fortunately, this highway will be built mostly through wooded area, but will no doubt cost the town a considerable sum of taxable property. ... We anticipate many changes in our approach highways in this north and east area and the town officials should use every effort to see that these highways are built and located to serve the best interest of the residents of our town."*

*School Report: "Much work has been done by the school board on the study of the possibility of a cooperative school in this area. The idea of setting up a cooperative high school in this area is sound, and larger high schools are going to be created in New Hampshire."*

### Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,680.00 for paving with a one-inch finish course of hot-mix asphalt concrete, the Kearsarge Valley Road (so-called), southerly from the Wilmot Town line to the vicinity of the brick house, a distance of approximately 4,950 feet.

### Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 for the application of crushed gravel on approximately three (3) miles of certain gravel roads.

### Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00 for the completion of the Revaluation of the Town.

### Article 8

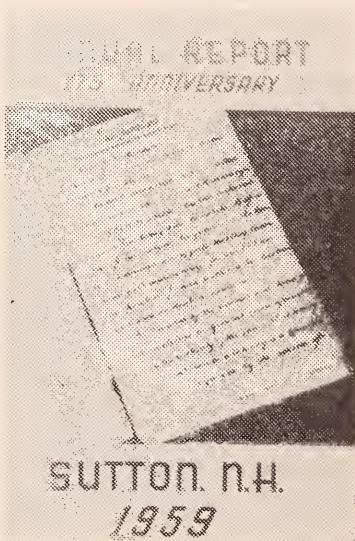
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for repairs to the roof at Pillsbury Memorial Hall.

### Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 for the construction of thirty-three (33) additional street signs.

### Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to defray the costs of permits and tests as required by "Solid Waste Rules" issued by the N.H. Department of Environmental Services.



**1959:** *To vote to purchase a road grader.*

*To see if the Town will accept "Fox Chase" Road as a public highway.*

*Town appropriations: \$41,420.*

*School appropriation: \$35,720.*

*Interstate highway to be terminated at Dimond's Corner in Warner on the east and the town of Grantham on the west. It is understood that this highway will eventually be constructed at a later date when funds are available.*

*"It was decided to buy a diesel-powered, four-wheel-drive Austin Western (grader) which was thoroughly reconditioned and painted." Note total cost: \$14,500.*

*School Board: "We would also like to add a commendation to 'Coach' Chester Martin for his efforts in the supervision of the boys' athletic teams."*



## **Article 11**

To see if the Town will vote to release and quitclaim to the South Sutton Community Meetinghouse Association whatever right, title and interest it may have in the South Sutton church and land.

## **Article 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,400.00 for the reconstruction of Blaisdell Farm Road, being Town Road #70, between Blaisdell Road (#68) and Kemah Road (#69), to make it safe for winter travel and to permit proper operation of snow removal equipment; and to see if the Town will vote to open, maintain and repair said road (which now is maintained only in summer) during the entire year, pursuant to RSA Chapter 231:81, Section II (b) which requires a majority vote of the Town.

## **Article 13**

To see if the Town will adopt the provision of Chapter 41:9-a I-V

- I A town may by majority vote at any annual or special meeting, authorize the board of selectmen to establish or amend fees, as provided in this section. Such a vote shall continue in effect until rescinded.
- II Following such a vote, the board of selectmen, without further vote of the town, may establish or amend fees or charges for the following purposes:
  - (a) The issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program which has been established by vote of the town.
  - (b) The use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility, as defined in RSA 33-B:1, VI, the establishment of which has been authorized by vote of the town.
- III Such fees or charges shall not exceed, in the case of licenses or permits, an amount reasonably calculated to cover the town's regulatory, administrative and enforcement costs.
- IV Prior to the establishment or amendment of any such fees, the selectmen shall hold a public hearing, notice for which shall be given at least 7 days prior to the hearing by posting in 2 public places in the town and by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the town. The notice shall include the proposed schedule of fees.
- V This section shall not be deemed to prohibit a town from delegating authority over specific fees to another official or official body of the town. This section shall not supersede other provisions of law concerning the establishment or amount of specific types of fees.

## **Article 14**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following provisions in addition to the Cemetery Ordinance adopted March 8, 1966, and amended March 10, 1981:

- E. The practise of making burials, "double deep" or one above another in one grave site is prohibited in Town cemeteries.

- F. Approval by a majority of the Cemetery Commissioners, or an agent designated by them, is required prior to the installation of any head stone, foot stone, corner stones, or any other type of marker.
- G. Approval by a majority of the Cemetery Commissioners, or an agent designated by them, is required prior to the setting out of any shrubs, or perennial plants in any grave lot or in any location in any Town of Sutton cemetery.

#### **Article 15**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend federal and state grants which may become available during the course of the year, in accordance with RSA 31:95-b and also to accept and expend money from any other governmental unit or private source to be used for purposes which the Town may legally appropriate money.

#### **Article 16**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

#### **Article 17**

To see if the Town will vote to accept any of the moneys received during the year since the last Annual Meeting for the establishment of Trust Funds.

#### **Article 18**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, in accordance with RSA 231:43, a portion of the old North Road, Highway Inventory #116 a distance of five hundred (500) feet, northwesterly from near Station 1679 South Bound, Federal Project I-89-1(62)27, or the right-of-way line of I-89.

#### **Article 19**

To see if the Town would appropriate the funds needed to improve Rowell Hill Road from the New London Town line to lot number 9-986-428 (tax map).

This would include engineering studies (drainage, shoulders, ditches) and the resurfacing of the road with blue stone or other appropriate surface (distance less than .4 of a mile).

This road services 36 homes, 71 lots, and a population of approximately 90 people. There is no access from the Town of Sutton into this development. The two roads in and out are; Old (sic) Britton (sic) Road and Rowell Hill Road. Both roads go through New London.

In the last few years, property damage from this road via floods and car accidents has been in the thousands. To date there have been only minor physical injuries.

RSA's of the state of New Hampshire clearly indicates that taxpayers are liable for losses incurred due to improper construction or upkeep on town roads. Rowell Hill Road is a Class V road which puts our town into a liability situation should a serious accident occur.

On several occasions, school buses, police vehicles, and home owners have been unable to safely use this portion of the road.

All of the above is part of this “Warrant Article” and therefore, needs to be published as such.

(By Petition of Kerin Louis Shaughnessey, and 28 others.)

#### **Article 20**

To see if the Town will vote to maintain Penny Ante Alley as a Class V road, as it is currently classified with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Planning, and as the Town of Sutton is receiving Block Grant Aid based on a description of Penny Ante Alley as a 900± foot Class V road. The road was taken by the Town of Sutton by deed and said deed is filed with the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds. It was first laid out in 1947, and as per the 1957 Town of Sutton Annual Reports, improved for the year around use in 1958.

(Submitted by Patricia A. Lomans and Dennis Eunson, Landowners.)

(Petition signed by Kerin L. Shaughnessey, and 27 others.)

#### **Article 21**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 and authorize its expenditure by the Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports Organization. Said expenditure to assist in defraying the cost of the Bradford Elementary School Soccer and Baseball field and the Brown/Shattuck Athletic Field. Said funds will also be used to defray the cost of insurance, baseball and soccer equipment and uniforms.

(By Petition of Marie Holbrook, and 32 others.)

#### **Article 22**

To see if the voters of the Town of Sutton will vote to recommend that the Kearsarge Regional School Board and the Kearsarge Municipal Budget Committee limit the total assessment to the town of the district for the 1992-93 school year to ninety-five percent (95%) of the 1991-92 assessment.

(By Petition of Muguette A. Saxby, and 45 others.)

#### **Article 23**

To see if the voters of the Town of Sutton will vote to record its opposition to the imposition of a broadbased income tax or sales tax by the State of New Hampshire, and call upon its elected representatives and senator to support the town’s position in the State Legislature.

(By Petition of Marybeth Angeli, and 42 others.)

#### **Article 24**

To see if the voters of the Town of Sutton will vote to support publicly enactment by the State Legislature and/or an amendment to the New Hampshire State Constitution to permit or require voting on New Hampshire school





**1960:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,000 for new highway to a newly proposed ski slope (King Ridge). Voted in affirmative.

To see if the Town will raise up to 60% of cost of building a bridge at "Bull Bridge," 40% of cost from the State of N.H. (Voted to close the bridge temporarily.)

1959 Town Report first in both New Hampshire and New England Municipal Reports Contest. "Each year since 1955, when we won third place in the N.H. Contest, we have attained first place in New England..."

The Outing Club Inc. made rapid strides in their project to develop King's Hill into a ski area, even though it was not possible to open it for use this winter.

The condition of the Fire Department deserves special commendation both in regard to the excellent condition of its physical equipment, and the efficient organization and good morale of its personnel. We extend sincere words of thanks to Mr. Earl Rowe and his associates.

budgets and other matters pertaining to schools by written ballot at normal local polling places including voting by absentee ballot, and call on its elected representatives and senator to support the town's position in the Legislature. (By Petition of Frederick L. Pratt, and 51 others.)

Given under our hands and seals this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

*Roy W. Prince*  
*John F. Biewener*  
*Thaddeus C. Johnson*  
 Selectmen of Sutton, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant Attest:

*Roy W. Prince*  
*John F. Biewener*  
*Thaddeus C. Johnson*  
 Selectmen of Sutton, N.H.

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

### **For the Year Ending December 31, 1991**

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Pillsbury Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. Townspeople are invited to attend any of the meetings, all of which are open to the public.

Early in the year, it came to the attention of the Planning Board that extensive site disturbance associated with a logging operation had occurred on the land surrounding the Pinnacle Pasture on Chalk Pond Road. Concern for scenic quality and the preservation of the Pinnacle Peak landmark led to a Cease and Desist Order being issued by the Board of Selectmen at the recommendation of the Planning Board. A reclamation plan was subsequently worked out with the development company owning the land.

The Planning Board coordinated with the efforts of the Sutton Cornerstones Project this year in a review of the Historic Resources section of the Town Master Plan. The final list of 21 Cornerstones has been embodied in a draft revision of the Master Plan, along with more extensive recommendations aimed at preserving and protecting the historic resources of the Town in the face of future land development. Work on the final draft will continue in 1992, and public input is encouraged.

A special project this year has involved the installation of the Town regulations on the Town computer. Faced with conversion of the existing documents from an outdated computer program, the Planning Board hired a talented high school student to transpose the computer files to a modern system. From now on, the Town regulations may be easily updated without resorting to a commercial secretarial service.

The Planning Board spent considerable time this year evaluating the need for and scope of a possible Commercial Zone in the Town. Returning to public surveys conducted earlier, the Board debated the idea of commercial zoning in the village centers and along the frontage of Route 114. Ultimately, the Board returned to the area around Exit 10 of Interstate 89, which has been the subject of similar studies in the past. This year, the Board has made a more detailed review of potential land use conflicts in the area of the interchange and evaluated general suitability for limited commercial development. A new draft ordinance will likely be generated in 1992, and again, public input will be sought.

At the request of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board made a review of the evaluation criteria for issuing building permits on Class VI roads in the Town. Specific policy recommendations were generated which allow limited construction of new dwellings on Class VI roads subject to certain site conditions and road improvements to be made by the applicant. Interested persons should inquire at the Selectmen's Office for a copy of the evaluation criteria.

The number of applications received by the Planning Board was quite low this year, although several persons appeared before the Board for non-

binding consultations which did not result in applications. A synopsis of applications is found below.

**Annexations Granted:**

Earl/Margarite Rowe	May 14
Jeff Johnson	May 28
Carolyn Kittredge	August 13
Charles Forsberg	December 10

**Annexations Denied:**

Oyer/Kane	October 22
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**Subdivisions Approved:**

Williams (Corporation Hill Road 2 lots)	November 12
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<u>Year</u>	<u>#Lots Created</u>	<u>Avg.# New Lots Per Subdivision</u>	<u>Avg. Lot Size (Acres)</u>
1981	7	1.0	6.40
1982	9	1.5	3.34
1983	6	1.2	6.80
1984	10	1.0	8.16
1985	12	2.4	5.70
1986	49	5.0	10.20
1987	22	3.0	8.03
1988	29	4.1	5.57
1989	4	1.3	4.00
1990	9	1.8	5.97
1991	2	2.0	5.00

*Dan Sundquist, Chairman*  
*Anita Blakeman*  
*Russ Breck*  
*Naia Florence*  
*Margaret Forbes*  
*Susan Uhl*  
*Jean Vivian*  
*Robert Bristol, Ex-Officio*  
*Roy Prince, Ex-Officio*



## CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 19 towns and the City of Concord in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. The Town of Sutton is a member in good standing of the Commission.

The CNHRPC is organized under RSA 36:45-53 to prepare coordinated regional plans and to assist communities with local planning activities.

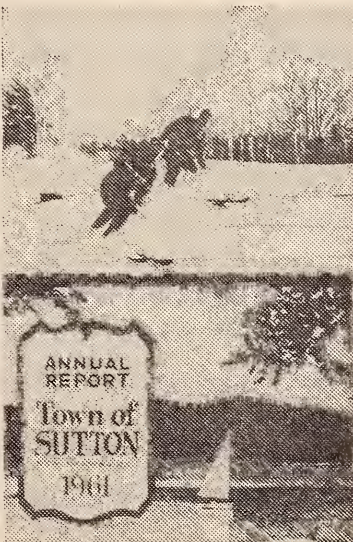
Our accomplishments over the last year include:

**Regional Plan:** The Commission adopted the *Land Use Element of the Regional Master Plan* at the annual meeting in May. Staff is meeting with planning boards to explain the recommendations of the plan.

**Housing:** The CNHRPC began to debate conclusions and recommendations for the draft housing element of the regional master plan, distributed during the fall. We sponsored a discussion of the implications for local zoning of the Britton vs Chester NH Supreme Court case at the November 21, 1991 Commission meeting. Staff is meeting with planning boards to discuss both the housing element and the Chester court case.

**Transportation:** The Transportation Advisory Committee completed and adopted in 1991 the *Regional Truck Route Study*, an element of the regional transportation plan, due for completion in 1993. The Committee also completed and adopted the *Steeplegate Mall Traffic and Land Use Study*. The study brought together planners from Chichester, Concord, Loudon and Pembroke to identify traffic and land use issues of mutual concern and to develop strategies to preserve and enhance traffic mobility and land use compatibility in the area in preparation for the eventual growth and development in the mall area.

The CNHRPC continued to provide support for the public participation and environmental reviews for the Concord to Spaulding Turnpike EIS and preliminary design study.



**1961:** To see if the Town will accept \$1,000 donation from a summer resident to reconstruct and surface the Johnson Hill Road.

To see what action the Town will take in regard to holding the business portion of the Annual Meeting in the evening.

To see if the Town will vote to close the Bull Bridge Road subject to gates and bars.

Readjustment and realignment of property valuations undertaken by the Selectmen.

Drilled well and pump installed at the Town Hall; 191 feet deep, rate of flow 7 gpm, water rises to within 10 feet of the top. Cost: \$1,325.

Town appropriations: \$33,900.

School appropriation: \$39,300.



**1962:** Meeting called to convene at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

*To appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a truck for the Highway Department. (Purchased at cost: \$10,000.)*

*1961 Town Report won first place in the New Hampshire and New England Municipal Report Competitions.*

*Selectmen perambulated the Newbury, Warner and Wilmot Town lines.*

*In joint effort, the Selectmen and interested citizens assaulted State Offices to try to get some work done on Route #114. A "betterment" project was approved north from Blaisdell Lake as far as \$15,000 would go.*

*The "face lifting" or beautification project at the dump was carried out, and appeared to have greatly increased the efficiency as well as the decor of the place.*

Work began on the EIS and design of the Hillsborough Bypass. The Commission is responsible for public participation, parts of the EIS, and to review the design.

**Solid Waste:** The Commission continues to assist the Central NH Solid Waste District in implementing its state approved *Solid Waste Management Plan*. The Commission had assisted the Central and Hopkinton-Webster districts in the preparation of their plans and with obtaining state approval.

**Recycling:** The CNHRPC prepared a regional recycling status update, funded by a grant through the Governor's recycling initiative.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection:** The CNHRPC organized its third household hazardous waste collection on October 5, 1991, with collection sites in Allenstown and Henniker. Cosponsors were the Towns of Allenstown, Bow, Dunbarton, Henniker, Hopkinton, Pembroke, Sutton, Warner, Washington, and Wilmot.

**River Management and Protection:** The Commission cosponsored the successful nomination of the Contoocook River to the NH Rivers Management and Protective Program. The Commission helped organize and will provide technical assistance to the Federal Wild and Scenic River and NH River Management and Protection Program studies for the upper Merrimack River.

**Geographic Information System (GIS):** The system, designed to map and manage geographic information, was used for the regional land use, transportation and housing plans and for the Bow, Pembroke and Salisbury town plans.

During 1991 RPC staff met with the planning board to discuss current and future town planning tasks, your priorities for the Regional Planning Commission, the progress of the regional master plan and our GIS.

Other activities in Sutton included providing information on lot size to road classification ratios and providing population figures for use in assisting the Kearsarge School District.



## **REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 1991**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment schedules public hearings upon receipt of a request for a special exception or a variance to the Zoning Ordinance or an appeal from an administrative decision. Applications for such a hearing are available at the Town Hall or from the secretary of the Board of Adjustment. Copies of the Zoning Ordinance are also available at the Town Hall.

During 1991 the Zoning Board of Adjustment held public hearings on the following appeals:

*February 27* — Jeffrey R. and Suzanne Johnson requested a variance to the terms of Article V, Section C.4 because they constructed their single-family dwelling, located on Route 114 in a rural-agricultural district of Sutton, closer than 25 feet to the abutting property line. **DISMISSED.**

*March 27* — Leo and Priscilla Dube appealed the Board of Selectmen's decision to issue a building permit to Neila and Paul d'Entremont for the purpose of erecting a house and septic system on their lot located on Old Blaisdell Road in a residential district of Sutton. **DENIED.**

*April 17* — Elizabeth A. Wells requested a special exception to Article IV, Section B.3 in order to convert one of her apartments, located on Meeting House Hill Road in a residential district of Sutton, to archival and museum use for the Old Store Museum. **GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS.**

*July 31* — Alan C. Wagner requested a special exception in accordance with Article V, Section B.7 to build a garage/office to maintain equipment owned by his company, Kearsarge Construction (Sole-Proprietor), on Roby Road in a rural-agricultural district of Sutton. **DENIED.**

*Andrew R. Supplee, Chairman*

*Martha B. Denz*

*Stephen Vallandigham*

*William Hallahan*

*Thaddeus Johnson, Ex-officio*

## **REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR**

I would like to introduce myself for those of you who may not know me. My name is Wayne Grover and I live on Old Newbury Road with my wife, Mary, and our new son, Gabriel.

I was sworn in to this job on May 13, 1991 because of a vacancy left by Bill Eachus. Bill did a good job keeping records, which made it an easy transition. Thank you, Bill.

I proposed a change to the way buildings are inspected and this was agreed to by the Board of Selectmen. Those of you who have obtained permits recently




are aware of this change. It is simply an inspection schedule that shows at what stages of construction you need to call me for an inspection. This has been working well. It saves time and fuel, and I hope it makes it easy for the permittees to know their obligations when doing construction.

The number of permits has slowed down dramatically this past year, which I am sure comes as no surprise to those of us in the building trades. A total of 39 permits were issued which included five new single-family homes (Welcome to those new families), 16 garages, seven additions for those growing families and nine miscellaneous sheds, other outbuildings and decks. This construction had an estimated value of \$700,000, which in this slow period of growth was surprising.

Thanks to those of you whom I've met for being understanding during this transition, and I hope that I can be helpful to those who obtain building permits in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Wayne Grover*  
Building Inspector



ANNUAL  
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**SUTTON**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

1963

**1963:** To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$14,500 for the purchase of a fire truck.

To see what action the Town will take in regard to holding the business portion of the Annual Meeting in the evening: 36 No; 24 Yes.

The 1962 Town Report placed first in New England and first in the New Hampshire competitions.

The Planning Board was reactivated per vote of the 1963 Town Meeting.

School Superintendent's Report: "The first payment of the bonds of the Sutton Central School was made April 1, 1954. The last payment will be made on April 1, 1968."

Fire Truck purchase: 1963 taxes: \$3,500; Notes: \$9,500; Capital Reserve Fund: \$1,560.

## REPORT OF THE SUTTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

### *Fire Log for 1991:*

Chimney Fires	11
Structure Fires	3
Forest/Grass	4
Smoke Investigation/Fire Alarm	8
Mutual Aid	6
Car Fires	4
Accidents	12
TOTAL CALLS	48

The 1991 log, again, was down from 1990.

This year some new air packs were purchased. Also, four old packs were updated with considerable savings. The school and training that was conducted last year was very successful. The Department now has ten State of New Hampshire certified firefighters. They are certified in Firefighter One, Hazardous Material and Forest Fire Fighting. This is a great asset to the Town of Sutton taxpayers as it provides firefighter safety and improves proper protection for Town property. The training and drills were comprised of 150 hours per student. As Chief of the Department, I am very proud of the dedication of all of these firefighters and the excellent response of all the firemen in the Department.

We are planning to keep updating our training in 1992. We are planning to keep updating the equipment to keep up with the level of the certified firemen.

Respectfully submitted,  
*G. Robert Gagnon*  
Chief

## REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

1991 was a very dry and busy year for the New Hampshire Forest Fire Service as well as local fire departments due to our increase in the number of fires. Our three major causes of fires in 1991 were non-permit, children and smoking materials. 450 wildland fires in New Hampshire burned approximately 150 acres for an average fire size of one-third acre.

Primarily, the local fire department is responsible for extinguishing these fires. Keeping the average fire size this small is a tribute to early detection by citizens, our fire tower lookout system and the quick response of our trained local fire departments.



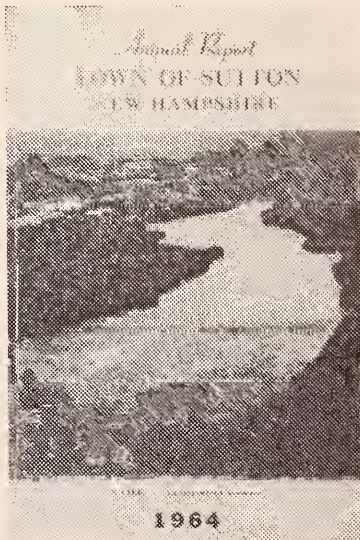
In every municipality, there is a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens that are responsible for directing suppression action on wildland fires, working with other fire department members under the direction of the N.H. Forest Fire Service to make sure that all fire department members are properly trained and equipped for suppressing wildland fires. Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Wardens receive specialized training each year, presented by the N.H. Forest Fire Service, to keep their skill level and knowledge of forest fire laws up to date.

The local Warden and selected Deputy Wardens are also responsible for issuing burning permits for any open burning that is to be done in their community. In New Hampshire, any open burning, except when the ground is completely covered with snow, requires a written fire permit prior to lighting the fire. Before doing any open burning, it is recommended that you contact your local fire department to see if a permit is required and to save your community the cost of sending fire equipment on a false alarm. Any person violating the permit law (RSA 224:27) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Please help your local Warden and fire department by requesting a fire permit before kindling a fire, be understanding if they tell you it is not a safe day to burn, and help keep New Hampshire green! Thank you for being fire safe.

*Carroll L. Thompson*  
Forest Fire Warden

*Bryan C. Nowell*  
Forest Ranger



**1964:** To see if the Town will appropriate not to exceed \$14,500 for a tractor-loader.

To see if the Town will accept the gift of the Primeval Pine Reservation.

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Chief of Police and discontinue the elected office of Chief of Police.

1963 Town Report received two firsts: New Hampshire and New England.

Second-hand diesel Tractor-Loader purchased: \$14,500.

1964 Ballot vote: Town Meeting to be held at night beginning March 9, 1965. Polls open 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Business portion to open at 7:30 p.m. King's Daughters serve a public supper 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Survey crews at work on I-89 project. Proposal now is that both north and south-bound lanes will be on the south and west of the North Road and Stevens Brook, not "straddling" them as originally proposed.

Hominy Pot Road not to be "dead-ended" as rumors have indicated.



POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

As was the case in most of the communities surrounding ours, 1991 was a busy year for law enforcement agencies. Nevertheless, the 1991 budget was properly tracked and fully utilized. Our only increase was a large, unanticipated raise in the amount charged by New London for their dispatch services. 1991 was by far the busiest year the Police Department has experienced to date. We were in either New London District Court, Merrimack County Superior Court (Concord) or at the Division of Motor Vehicles (Hearings Division) all but four weeks of the year presenting our cases. **As of December 31, 1991, we had received 2,486 calls for service, up 675 calls over the previous 12-month period (1,811 calls)—an increase of over 37% from 1990!** This figure reflects only those calls received by telephone at our dispatch center—it does not include calls initiated by the patrol officer or calls transmitted to him by other means. It has become nearly impossible for one officer to handle this many calls—this year’s attempt to do so shows definite cuts in effectiveness due to an overwhelming amount of court time involved in prosecuting charges arising out of each call and paperwork involved in documenting each call. Following is a monthly tally of calls received by New London Dispatch during each of the last three years:

	1989	1990	1991
January	103	163	228
February	90	124	236
March	83	114	223
April	91	151	239
May	108	173	238
June	122	143	224
July	145	168	184
August	140	127	200
September	141	108	163
October	145	165	188
November	118	218	182
December	<u>115</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>181</u>
Totals	1,401	1,811	2,486

The steady increase in calls for service is easily recognized. As you know, we are a part-time department employing one full-time officer and two functioning part-time officers.

The high school continues to be a source of a number of calls for us, as do our newly refurbished roads as motor vehicle complaints are called in by residents living along them or subjects driving them. These include calls generated by the fact that a large number of juveniles utilize our roadways going to and coming from the high school at least once each day. We also have a growing juvenile population in town which is generating more calls than in past years and will continue to increase as these residents enter their mid-teenage years.

## Hours of Coverage

In mid-January, as Chief, I assumed the full-time position and became responsible for covering calls within the Town of Sutton on a regular basis. Generally speaking, the Chief is responsible for covering calls on an around-the-clock basis, five days per week—the reality of it is that many hours are spent in court, in court preparation, in general paperwork, and in follow-up investigations so that actual time in the cruiser on the street averaged only about six hours per working day; in fact, our budget called for us to limit average daily mileage to 50 miles. During this five-day coverage period, I put in an average of 60.2 hours of active, full-time police work in the year 1991. The remaining two days were partially covered by two part-time officer shifts. Effectively, we provide about 5.5 days of coverage per week during most weeks.

Most law enforcement experts agree that **crime prevention** is a major goal of all law enforcement agencies. As such, crime prevention is as much a perception in the mind of a potential perpetrator that there is a reasonable chance of getting caught as it is a concrete action undertaken. **Being visible** on patrol in all sections of town at differing times of the day and night can be our highest contribution to crime prevention in Sutton, coupled with a willingness of local citizens to call in “unusual” occurrences immediately and our corresponding availability to respond immediately. Since a large percentage of our calls relate directly to juvenile offenses, we have attempted to become increasingly involved in the high school so as to influence young people’s behavior positively, hopefully leading to a decrease in decidedly negative confrontations.

## Comparison Budget Proposals

The proposed budget for 1992 is the most fiscally conservative budget of the towns surrounding us who employ at least one full-time officer. For example, Bradford, with a reported residential population slightly less than ours of 1,405, has a proposed police department budget of about \$89,000.00. Sutton, with a reported population of 1,457, is proposing an operating budget significantly less than that of Bradford, and dramatically less than that of Newbury, whose residential population is less than that of Bradford.

## Calls for Service - 1991

We have had an increasingly busy year, far exceeding 1990. Here is a breakdown of our calls for service as of December 31:

	1990	1991
Arson		1
Assaults	1	11
Assist Fire/Highway/Inspections Department	7	14
Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency	35	52
Bomb Threat	2	0
Burglar/Trouble Alarm Activation	39	45
Business Checks	609	911
Complaints on Officer	3	2
Criminal Threatening	1	8
Criminal Trespass/Unwanted Guest	7	31

Death/Injury Notification	4	7
Disabled Vehicle	47	118
Disorderly Conduct	17	17
Dog/Livestock/Animal Complaint	84	144
Domestic/Civil/Abuse Situation	65	37
Drug/Alcohol-Related Incident	5	48
Dumping/Littering	7	7
Environmental/Climatic Problem	17	28
Follow-Up	185	312
Harrassment (Telephone)	10	10
House Check	133	314
Informational Call	408	592
Issuing Bad Check	4	2
Juvenile	41	43
KRHS	19	27
Medical Calls	37	51
Missing/Lost Person	4	13
Motor Vehicle Accident/Fire	79	133
Motor Vehicle Complaint	38	57
Motor Vehicle Stop	1,212	1,460
Paperwork Service	39	34
Pistol Permits	12	18
Probation/Parole Violation	2	2
Property Recovered	8	22
Repossession Assist	2	3
Shots Fired	5	7
Special Detail	14	28
Suspicious Person	25	50
Suspicious Vehicle	27	40
Theft/Burglary	54	116
Tickets Issued (MV Violations Only)	133	198
Training	2	8
Transport	10	45
Untimely Death	1	4
Vandalism	22	37
Vehicle Lockout	6	10
Verbal Warnings (MV)	474	612
Written Warnings Issued (MV)	599	644

In 1991, the Sutton Police Department covered over 91% of these calls while the New Hampshire State Police covered nearly 8% of these calls. Last year we covered 78% of local calls. Nearly 25% of time used by Sutton officers continued to be spent in the preparation of paperwork following reported incidents and in-court preparation/appearances.

My personal thanks goes to each member of the Sutton Rescue Squad, the Sutton Fire Department, the Sutton Health Officer and the Sutton Highway



Department for their timely, emergency responses to critical, immediate needs within the Sutton community. Each of these provides an important link in the emergency safety services available to our community.

Respectfully submitted in the spirit of  
serving the Sutton communities,  
*John R. Lambert*  
Police Chief

### **ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**

The Highway Department was kept busy this year with a lot of general road maintenance. We ditched Roby Road and removed several large boulders from underneath the surface. We then hot topped these spots for a temporary binder for the winter. We did quite a bit of ditching with the backhoe on Baker Hill and many other wet spots where we had potential water problems.

The worst spots on Gile Pond Road, Shaker Street and Hominy Pot Road were shimmed. One hundred fifty tons of hot top were used on each of Shaker Street and Gile Pond Road, and five hundred forty-one tons were put on Hominy Pot Road.

The Town's seventy miles of roads were mowed for brush control and better vision.

I would like to take the time to thank the citizens of Sutton for their support.

Respectfully submitted,  
*George H. Hosmer, Jr.*  
Road Agent



**Roby Road, pavement laid at junction of Barker Road and Roby Road.**



**Roby Road, reclaiming existing asphalt.**



**Roby Road, end section of culvert for erosion control.**



## 1991 ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

With the completion of limited improvements to Roby Road, paving of Keyser Street, and final grading on the improved portion of Baker Hill Road, the Road Improvement Program voted by the Town in 1989 and financed through a \$500,000 bond was ended in 1991.

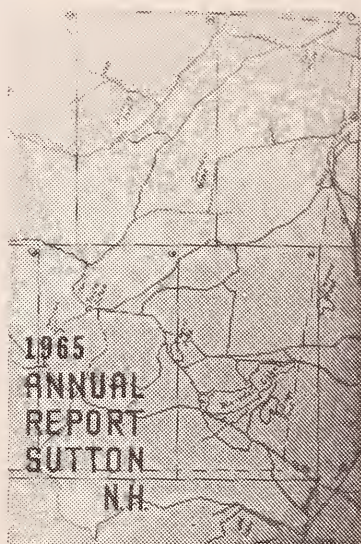
The principal project in 1991 was the design and construction of drainage and roadbed improvements to approximately 3,800 feet of Roby Road. (Concurrently, the Sutton Highway Department made many beneficial drainage and roadbed improvements on portions of the rest of the three mile Roby Road with Town personnel and department road maintenance funds.)

The following chart is a summary of the expenditures from the bond proceeds:

	1989	1990	1991	Total
Shaker Street	\$ 125,395.02	\$ 31,477.05	\$	\$ 156,872.07
Main Street	34,841.41	1,361.25		36,202.66
Keyser Street		114,669.66	50,975.00	165,644.66
Baker Hill Road		25,805.00	600.00	26,405.00
Chalk Pond Road		20,445.00		20,445.00
Roby Road			87,979.56	87,979.56
Bond Costs/Admin.	4,887.61	185.00		5,072.61
Totals	\$ 165,124.04	\$ 193,942.96	\$ 139,554.56	\$ 498,621.56
Unspent Balance, 12/31/91				\$ 1,378.44
<b>TOTAL BOND PROCEEDS</b>				<b>\$ 500,000.00</b>

The above performance results differ from the initial plan shown in the 1988 Town Report in the following ways and for the following reasons:

1. **Shaker Street** costs were projected in the original plan to be



**1965:** To see if the Town will employ an engineer to make a tax map of the Town at cost not to exceed \$7,600.

To see if the Town will appropriate \$6,500 for the purchase of a truck for the Highway Department.

To see if the Town will appropriate \$650 for the chemical control of aquatic nuisances in Keyser Lake.

To accept Charles Avenue. Yes.

To accept a bypass road constructed at expense of E.B. Foot. Yes.

I-89 construction actually started in the East Sutton area; in 1966 anticipated to see construction through to Route #114.

The State carried some of the burden of expense for algae control work in Keyser Lake.

First year of operation of the Building Code.

The 1964 Town Report won first place in New Hampshire and the New England contests.

By the time this report (1965) reaches you, a vital decision will have been made for this Town by the voters in a meeting of the School District concerning whether or not to join in an area enterprise called the Kearsarge Regional School which seeks to set up a large school district consisting of the towns of Warner, New London, Newbury, Bradford, Andover, Wilmot, Springfield and Sutton.



\$125,000. Actual costs came to \$156,872 because the Selectmen, Road Agent and Road Committee decided it would be more cost effective to pave the entire 7,117 feet of the portion of the road being improved rather than only the 5,000 feet of paving envisioned in the original plan.

2. **Main Street** costs were \$2,797 less than the \$39,000 projected in the 1988 Town Report principally because of careful management by the Road Agent.
3. **Keyser Street** costs were projected in the original plan to be \$60,000. Actual costs were \$165,645, a \$105,645 increase. When detailed planning for the project started in 1990, the Road Agent and Road Committee, with the assistance of a professional engineer, found that the drainage, roadbed and sight-line problems on the entire length of Keyser Street were far more extensive than had been envisioned. No satisfactory partial solutions or "quick fixes" could be found, so the Selectmen supported the recommendation of the Committee that the extensive improvements be made, even though the engineering cost estimate for the project was \$209,300. The project was complicated further because Keyser Street is a designated "scenic road," requiring hearings by the Planning Board and its approval, and by the need to acquire numerous easements from abutting property owners and approvals from the Conservation Commission and State Wetlands Board. On balance, the Road Committee was gratified when, by virtue of an excellent detailed engineering design, a well-designed bid process and constant careful supervision by the Road Agent and the engineer, actual costs came in \$43,655 less than the engineer's estimate.
4. **Baker Hill Road** was not on the list of roads to be improved in the 1988 Town Report. However, the winters of 1988-89 and 1989-90 highlighted a particularly dangerous section of the road for school buses and Town plowing/sanding trucks. On the recommendation of the Road Committee, the Selectmen approved proceeding with drainage, surface and sight-line improvements. The engineering estimate for this work was projected to be \$50,000. The actual costs came out to be \$26,405, in large measure because a sight-line problem could not be resolved when the affected property owner would not agree to earth and tree removal from a steep bank on a bend in the road. However, this project also benefited cost-wise from the engineering, bidding and supervision described above for Keyser Street.
5. **Chalk Pond Road** improvements (drainage, sight-line and gravel surface) cost \$20,445 versus the \$40,000 projected in the 1988 Town Report, and the \$33,500 engineering estimate. Here, too, good engineering, bidding and supervision all contributed to the favorable outcome.

6. It was decided in 1991 to spend the balance of the available funds, approximately \$89,400, to make the most high-priority improvements to **Roby Road** that could be accomplished with the available money. The actual amount spent was \$87,980.

As residents and taxpayers of Sutton, the Road Committee wishes it had been possible to improve more roads with the \$500,000 provided by the Town, but we were not able to accomplish that. However, we do take satisfaction in what was done, considering all the unforeseen problems and the high cost of road construction. (If anyone knows an inexpensive way to remove boulders and granite ledge, purchase and install culverts, and resurface old roads, and to do it without an engineering design, you are invited to consult with the Road Committee.)

Now that the bond money is spent, we are left to pay back the balance owed: \$100,000 per year in 1992, 1993 and 1994; plus \$20,250 interest in 1992; \$13,500 interest in 1993; and \$6,750 interest in 1994.

For 1992, the Road Committee will start a new endeavor, at the request of the Planning Board and the Selectmen, to examine all 70 miles of Sutton roads and to develop a long-range road improvement plan.

Road Committee

*John Biewener*

*Bob Bristol*

*Naia Florence*

*Luke Heffernan*

*George Hosmer*

*Doug Sweet*

## ROAD IDENTIFICATION SIGN PROGRAM

At Town Meeting, 1990, \$1,800 was approved for the Town to install road identification signs.

On May 8, 1991 a bid was let to Kevin Walker, New London, NH to build 40 signs according to the spec's provided at a cost of \$45 each. The additional price of \$10/sign was allowed for cement to be used in the installation, for a total price of \$55/sign. The Town Road Department was to install all signs.

On September 13, 1991 the first ten signs were delivered to the Old Fire Station at North Sutton.

During November, the Road Department installed these ten signs. Mr. Walker was given 17 additional signs to construct.

The winter has delayed this project, but Mr. Walker will have these 17 signs ready for installation by April 15, 1992.

Sincerely,

*William J. Hallahan*

Chairman

## **REPORT FROM THE SUTTON WASTE AND RECYCLING FACILITY**

1991 was a year of change and progress at the Sutton Waste and Recycling Facility. Operating hours were changed to extend the life of the incinerator and to eliminate physically and environmentally hazardous hot fly ash. Items of safety equipment were recommended by the State, mandated by the Selectmen and initiated at the Facility. We established an ongoing outlet for tin cans, thereby eliminating the cost of hauling them to a landfill. The worn-out septage lagoon was refurbished, has been in operation since October, and is a "thing of beauty" in an otherwise colorless setting. We were unexpectedly able to rid ourselves of about 80% of the 12-year accumulation of old tires at a particularly advantageous cost.

Recycling revenues were comparatively low in 1991 due to the weak economy and the glut on the market as more communities initiate recycling programs. However, the cost avoidance by recycling remained substantial and certainly well worth the effort.

In 1991 we incinerated an estimated 500 tons of waste. Had this waste been disposed of by the transfer station method, the cost to the Town for transportation and tipping fees at a landfill site would have been in excess of \$58,000. We are indeed fortunate that the townspeople were looking to the future when plans for incineration were formulated some fourteen years ago.

We respectfully request that all residents re-read and abide by the Waste Disposal Regulations. Carelessness can cause expensive repairs to the incinerator, contamination of ash, and contamination to recyclables resulting in rejection by the buyers. We have designated places for all sorts of waste so, please, separate waste as per the mandated regulations and the signs at the site.

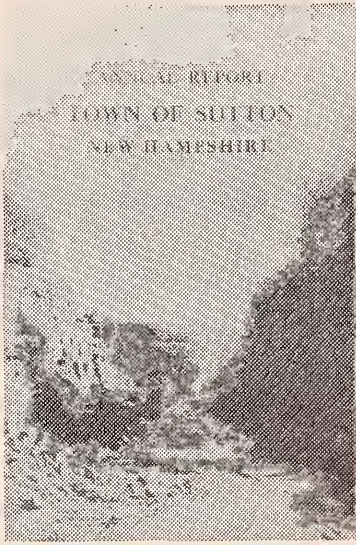
Respectfully submitted,  
*Edward J. Butler*  
Supervisor  
Sutton Waste and Recycling Facility

## **REPORT OF THE SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

The activities of the Solid Waste Committee during 1991 were devoted to the renovation of the septage lagoon at the Solid Waste Facility on Route 114. Engineering services were provided by Bristol, Sweet & Associates, Inc. of North Sutton and construction services by RHM Construction, Inc. of Bradford. The renovation was completed in early September.

Residents of Sutton now have the option of directing septage to the Town lagoon or to the landspreading site owned and operated by Wayne Wheeler of Sutton. The Committee feels that this is a reasonable solution to the Town's





**1966:** *Shall Zoning Ordinance proposed by Planning Board be adopted?* 125 yes; 105 no; 116 yes votes needed.

*To see if the Town will set aside \$5,400 from the sale of land in the right-of-way of I-89 in a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of construction of a building for Town purposes.* Yes.

*To see if the Town will request the State Tax Commission for the appraisal of land/buildings beginning April 1, 1967.* Yes. Estimated cost: \$6,000.

*The 1965 Town Report continues our winning ways being first in New England and New Hampshire for the tenth consecutive year.*

*The tax deeded land in the Dresser Hills was sold for "a top price of twenty-one dollars per acre." \$8,700 from the sale and added to the Capital Reserve Fund for the construction of buildings for Town purposes. (The Highway Garage.)*

*The tax mapper requested an additional \$3,000, or only one-half of the over-run of the cost of preparing the tax map.*

*The 1966 Town Report received our eleventh consecutive certificate for placing first in N.H. At the time of the presentation of the award, a member of the Sutton Board took part in a panel on "Better City and Town Reports - Now!"*

long-term needs, and it fulfills the Town's responsibility "to provide, or assure access to" an approved septage disposal site as required by State statute (RSA 149-M:13).

In December, the N.H. Department of Environmental Services distributed a new set of *Solid Waste Rules*, which will have an impact on the manner in which all N.H. towns manage waste. Although it is unclear right now what changes Sutton will have to make, a thorough reading of the *Rules* intensifies the concerns the Committee has expressed in previous annual reports.

It seems clear that, within months, our Solid Waste Facility will be required to show evidence through testing that it meets EPA standards for groundwater and air emissions. Incinerator ash must also meet EPA standards for reuse as a non-toxic material or be stored and/or transported to a site suitable for hazardous materials. The program of testing of the groundwater, the incinerator emissions and the ash will be a continuing one, not merely one round of tests. The *Rules* specify schedules and identify numerous toxic elements for which we must test. Looking at such procedures positively, they insure that the handling of town waste does not have a detrimental impact on the quality of the groundwater or air in the vicinity of the Solid Waste Facility. The negative viewpoint is that such tests are costly. We must also point out that testing is only a first step. Until we have the test results, we will not know what changes in our waste management practices, if any, will be required.

As Committee members have recommended for the past three years, we urge the Town to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for future needs at the Solid Waste Facility. A minimum of \$10,000 should be dedicated to such a fund each year. If we have not built a sufficient capital reserve to make a

substantial payment towards costs such as repair, replacement or closure of the incinerator, construction of structures which may be required to store ash or other materials, etc., the Town will be forced to saddle future citizens with a heavy debt burden.

The requirement in the new *Solid Waste Rules* that small incinerators such as ours meet EPA standards for air emissions lends urgency to our recommendation for a Capital Reserve Fund. Sutton's incinerator was installed thirteen years ago and probably will not meet today's air quality standards; nor can it be expected to last indefinitely.

The Committee will work to advise the Selectmen and residents on the most reasonable manner of applying state and federal standards to the management of Sutton's solid waste.

Solid Waste Committee  
*Virginia Johnson, Chair*  
*Ed Butler*  
*Norm Forand*  
*Charles Forsberg*  
*George Wells*

## **LAKE SUNAPEE HEALTH CARE AND AFFILIATES**

### **Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association**

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association and its affiliates, Lake Sunapee Home Care and Hospice and Lake Sunapee Community Health Services, provide health care services for people in Sutton, regardless of their ability to pay within the fiscal constraints of the agency. These services include the following: pediatric and adult home care by nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists, medical social workers, home health aides, homemakers, and respite workers; hospice services, including volunteers to assist people in their homes, bereavement support to families of patients who died, and volunteer training programs; well-child clinics for children from birth to six years of age; a parent-child program; nursing consultation and assistance to area day care centers and schools; and blood pressure and influenza clinics.

## **COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM**

### **BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.**

November 8, 1991

Over the past thirteen years, the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program has been the focal point of social service delivery in this area, providing



help when needed to the income eligible and elderly, as well as to the community at large.

As perhaps you are aware, Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. generates funds through the mobilization of available federal, state and local monies. Support for the local Area Center is derived from a combination of federal appropriations and local tax dollars. This combination allows the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program to provide a variety of services to the residents of your community, from the development of programs which meet local needs, to outreach, referral and direct assistance.

The attached budget reflects the minimum costs of maintaining and continuing the operations of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center. I respectfully submit that an item be placed in the Town Budget in the amount of \$2,454.00 for the continuation of services to the residents of the Town of Sutton.

This figure is based on the operating costs of the Area Center, as well as on last year's local community participation level and the services provided to Sutton in the amount of \$20,393.43. The total dollar amount needed from the local towns to maintain and operate the Area Center is \$29,042.00.

The staff of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center wishes to thank the Town of Sutton for your support in the past. With your continued interest, we will be able to continue to provide needed services to the members of your community.

*Barbara Chellis, Area Director*  
Kearsarge Valley Area Center

## **WELFARE**

### **General Assistance**

1991 was a very tough year financially for many of our residents. We had an unprecedented number of requests for assistance and exceeded our budgeted appropriation.

We did have two residents repay their assistance and hopefully others will find themselves in a position to repay as well.

General Assistance was granted for:

Pharmacy/Medical	\$ 436.17
Food	623.79
Housing	5,309.06
Heat and Electricity	<u>2,091.91</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8,460.93
1991 Appropriation	<u>5,000.00</u>
OVERDRAFT	\$ 3,460.93

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lorna Geggis*  
Overseer of Welfare



## REPORT OF THE SUTTON FREE LIBRARY

The Sutton Free Library has had another year filled with activities for the residents of Sutton. "Where's Waldo" was the theme of our fifth Summer Reading Program. The program lasted six weeks and involved about fifty resident children from pre-school through fifth grade. The older children participated in a number of craft activities that grew out of readings they had done while the pre-school children had a reading hour. As in years past, the program ended with a picnic and this year a scavenger hunt. The program continues to be such a success because of the efforts of many parents, teachers from the Sutton School, and the Library Trustees. Thank you everyone!

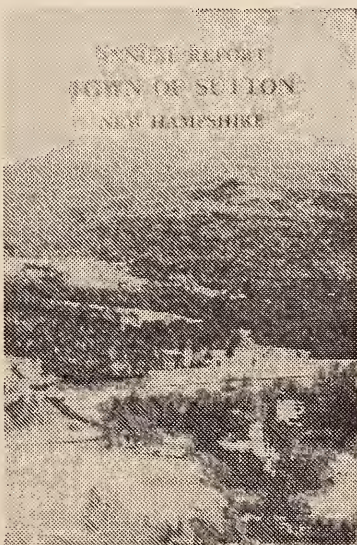
The library, with the help of the New Hampshire Humanities Council, sponsored a month long film/short story lecture series featuring a guest speaker and film screenings.

During the school year, the library is visited weekly by grades from the Sutton Elementary School and the Sutton Cooperative Preschool. The Grace P. Nelson Room is also used by a number of local organizations. If you wish to reserve the room, please do so well in advance as the demand is sometimes great. We will always try to accommodate you.

We continue to increase our acquisitions and feel encouraged that this has increased the use of the library by both adults and children. In the past year we have begun a collection of Audio-books. Please come in and look around!

We always welcome your comments and suggestions. The Trustees meet the first Tuesday of the month and the public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
*The Sutton Free Library*  
*Board of Trustees*



**1967:** To see if the Town will raise \$5,000 to be used in conjunction with \$10,000 from the State of N.H. for the purchase of land and the relocation, construction and landscaping of the Village Road at its junction with Route #114.

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Planning Board to make plans and get estimate of cost for a Town Garage.

Tax map completed at total cost of \$10,600.

Interstate 89 completed through Sutton. Dedication ceremonies of this road took place at Exit 10; the General Frank D. Merrill Highway. Governor John King, the Executive Council, joined federal and state officials at the event.

The 1967 Town Report won our twelfth consecutive first place in N.H. certificate.

## REPORT OF THE SUTTON COOPERATIVE KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL

In 1975, the Sutton Cooperative Preschool Center was founded by a group of people who saw a need for low-cost preschool education in our community. The program is designed for 20 children ages four and five. The school is fully licensed in accordance with state law and staffed by a qualified teacher and teacher's assistant.

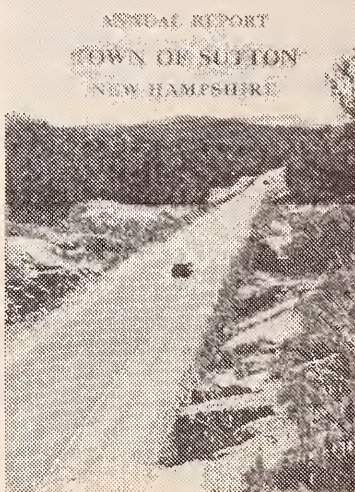
The school is run as a cooperative. The parents are responsible for the program, fund raising, cleaning of the school, and have elected officials to represent the group's interest. Monthly meetings are held to discuss school business, fund-raising events, school activities and field trips; and to provide an exchange of ideas which helps to make the program an ongoing success.

Thanks to the Town of Sutton, the Cooperative is able to use the basement of the Town Hall and, in the past, has also been given a portion of funds (\$2,500 annually) to help with the financing of the Kindergarten program.

The aim of the Cooperative is for the children to develop self-confidence and a positive feeling for the school environment. We hope to encourage the development of self-discipline, problem solving, social interaction and creativity.

Children in the Cooperative have learned a great deal about our Town through such field trips as Fire Safety Day, which took place at the Sutton Fire Station; recycling at the New London Recycling Center; and bimonthly trips to the Library, which enhanced responsibility for property. They have shared their music skills with the residents at the Foxchase Retirement Home, and when possible, have participated in fund-raising events.

The role of the parents is very important in our Cooperative. It is our task to raise \$3,000, in addition to the \$2,500 that the Town of Sutton so graciously donates to our School.



**1968:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$24,000 for construction of a garage.

To see if the Town will appropriate \$11,500 for a Highway truck.

To see if the Town will accept and adopt the street and road names as proposed by the Planning Board and \$500 for signs on the streets and roads so named.

Town garage construction started and completed for contract price: \$26,430.

The 1967 Re-appraisal made by the State Tax Commission has been put into operation. The assessments were made by impartial appraisers, using factual information, based on sound appraisal practices involving statistical tables of values. Thus a mass of information was produced, never before available in the Selectmen's office.



The children that attend the Cooperative are the future of this Town. With your support, we can make their first schooling experience a positive one. Your valuable tax dollars are greatly appreciated by one and all.

If you wish to find out more about the Cooperative or can offer help in any way, please contact the Sutton Cooperative Kindergarten and Preschool at 927-4150.

## **REPORT OF THE OLD STORE MUSEUM COMMITTEE - 1991**

1991 was marked by gains and losses. Our greatest loss was the able assistance and willing hands of Kathy Gill. She resigned as a trustee after years of generous support of the museum and its activities. Kathy's position on the board has been filled by Peg Forand, who has brought with her knowledge, enthusiasm and lots of ideas. We are looking forward to working with her and implementing some of her ideas to increase attendance, which was down this year.

On the plus side, we seem to be gaining on our many years' battle with dampness in the front corner of the museum. Whether it was the weather or one of the many remedies we've tried, the problem was much improved this year.

In our continuing efforts to best care for our collections, Ann Lord attended a workshop at the New Hampshire Historical Society on the identification and care of old photographs and negatives. We always come home from these workshops with a lot of information and contacts with other small museums and historical societies and more professional methods of handling our collections.

We trust that the coming year will see further improvements in our knowledge and the care we can take of the museum and its contents.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ann W. Lord*  
for the Old Store Museum Committee

## **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR 1991**

The Commission has again had an active year and was engaged in a wide variety of projects. Three new members were appointed to the Commission this year as a result of membership resignations caused by time constraints. Monthly or bimonthly meetings were held at the Pillsbury Town Hall, usually on the third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. A schedule of meetings is posted at the Town Hall and the public is invited to attend.





**1969:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$100,000 for making improvements to North Road to the entrance of the Kearsarge Regional High School.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate not exceeding \$15,000 to construct a bridge over Stevens Brook on the road to the high school. (\$15,000 provided by State Town Bridge Aid Program.)

The aeration of Keyser Lake was continued in the summer of 1969 and with notable success; we are receiving national attention from this experiment.

After 10 years of conscientious service, Earl Rowe turned over Chief's responsibilities to Carroll Thompson.

Steve Lord has been an active member of the Commission for seven years and Chairman for the last two. Under his chairmanship, Commission accomplishments have been many. We wish to thank Steve for his dedication and leadership. He will be sorely missed.

We are proud to note that the Town of Sutton property located along Wadleigh Hill Road has been certified as a Tree Farm by the New Hampshire Tree Farm Program. This means that this 106 acres of forest land will be managed for growing and harvesting of forest products. In the pic-



ture at right is a stand of white pine behind the sign. Anticipated additional benefits will include improved wildlife habitat, watershed protection and outdoor recreation. The public is encouraged to visit this property.

A notice entitled "Suttons' Environment" was prepared to help property owners and the general public understand their responsibilities prior to undertaking construction activities in and near wetlands, rivers and lakes. The New Hampshire Legislature, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the Town of Sutton have established rules and regulations that influence and limit certain construction activities that potentially impact the

environment. In the planning phase, as appropriate, Wetlands Permits, Building Permits and Intents to Cut Timber forms need to be prepared and subdivision and zoning regulations need to be complied with. The notice "Suttons' Environment" follows this report for your information and guidance.

1992 Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22. The Commission again plans a roadside clean-up project for Saturday, April 25th (rainday is Sunday, April 26th). You are invited to participate. Contact a Commission member. Further information will be posted on the Town Hall bulletin board.

Other Commission activities during 1991 are as follows:

- Attendance at Planning Board hearings
- Monitoring of dredge and fill permits
- Distribution of Town trail maps
- Forest management work on Town Forest
- Participate in Greenway Coalition Project
- Roadside clean-up project

Respectfully submitted,  
*Eugene J. Aubert*  
*Roy W. Prince*  
*Charles F. Whittemore*  
*Kathy K. Brown*  
*George G. Wells*  
*David Anderson*

## **SUTTONS' ENVIRONMENT**

*We take pride in the quality of our surroundings*

This reminder is directed to anyone who plans work that is in or around wetlands, involves bridge construction, removes topsoil, or generally alters the existing landscape.

Our goal is to mitigate conflicts that can arise between land uses and environmental effects. Including these:

- Unpermitted dredge and fill activity in wetlands
- Logging through brooks and streams
- Soil erosion caused by alteration of land surfaces
- Siltation of water courses
- Improperly constructed roads and culverts

If you are working near or in wetlands, installing culverts or bridges, removing gravel or topsoil, you will most likely need a permit. Even in the event that you don't, we urge you to understand the best management practices.

**The following permits commonly apply depending on the work involved:**

- State of New Hampshire Wetlands Permit for **any** activity in wetlands (form available from the Town Clerk)



- Notification of Forest Management Activities in Wetlands for any logging crossing streams, etc. (includes temporary crossings) (attached to the Intent to Cut Timber Form - available at the Selectmen's Office)
- Excavation Permit for the removal and sale of sand/gravel or topsoil (contact the Sutton Zoning Board of Adjustment)
- Town of Sutton Zoning & Subdivision Regulations regarding setbacks/driveways/general land use (available at the Selectmen's Office)
- Town of Sutton Building Permit covers section on septic systems (contact the Selectmen)

Failure to comply with existing regulations can result in **Cease and Desist Orders** as well as serious fines. If necessary, please seek guidance from a qualified private or public resource professional *before proceeding with the work!* Here are some helpful telephone numbers: NH Wetlands Board 271-2147 and Soil Conservation Service 225-6401. Also consult the Yellow Pages under Environmental Consultants, Soil Scientists.

(This notice was prepared by the Sutton Conservation Commission 8/91)



**1970:** Shall \$150,000 be appropriated for making improvements to the North Road from the interchange with I-89 to the entrance of the Kearsarge Regional High School?

*Do you approve of having two sessions for the Annual Town Meeting? The first session for choosing Town Officers, the second session for the transaction of other business.*

*Will the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Road Agent, commencing March 9, 1971. Passed.*

*Will the Town pay the Tax Collector an annual salary of \$1,200, the Town to pay expenses of the Collector's office, effective January 1, 1971? Passed.*

*The voters overwhelmingly turned down the proposal to raise \$150,000 to build the North Road to the school. The Town undertook to build the road using TRA funds and "Duncan" money. It cost the Town hidden tax dollars and the sacrifice of work on other roads.*

*The State aid bridge project cost \$8,500 instead of the estimated \$15,000.*

*Thus with NO help from the school district, or from any our sister town, Sutton had the whole burden of road/bridge construction for the location of the high school being in Sutton.*



## SUTTON CORNERSTONES PROJECT

The Cornerstones Project Committee is pleased by the very strong response and interest of Sutton townspeople demonstrated at 1991 Town Meeting time when votes were taken for their choices for *Cornerstones for the 21st Century*. The final 21 Cornerstones were announced by posted notices and were covered in several local newspapers. Property owners of Cornerstones were advised of the program and have expressed their interest in cooperating in preserving their landmarks and sites.

Committee members are now working on in-depth research reports on each Cornerstone. Some of these (Schoolhouses and Sites for example) require much time and searching in records in order to present a complete history. Photographs are being taken of the Cornerstones as they look today. If anyone has any old photographs of Cornerstones, we would appreciate it if we could borrow them to make copies for the historical record.

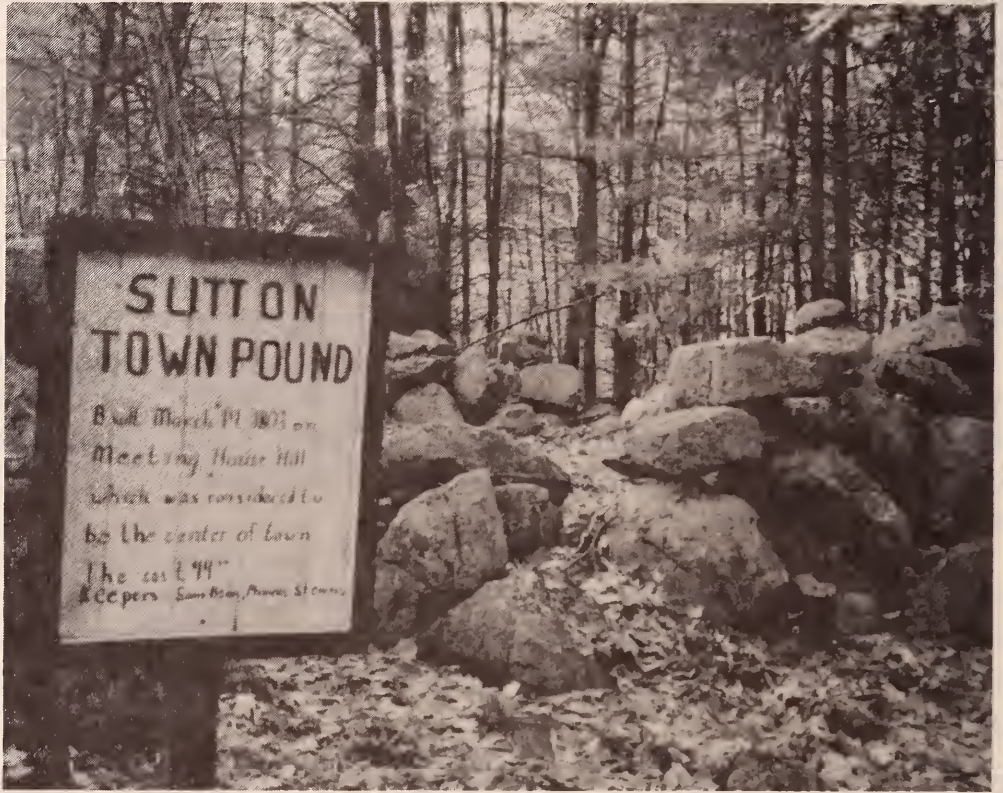
Cornerstone members have attended seminars presented by Inherit New Hampshire to learn more of the ways to protect our historical sites. Several neighboring towns have asked us to come and tell them what we did to initiate this program. Charlie Whittemore has been our Cornerstones representative for these presentations.

The Planning Board is cooperating with the Cornerstones Project by incorporating the Cornerstones into the Master Plan. Public hearings will be held later this year on this addition to the Master Plan. This will ensure that the Cornerstones will not be overlooked in the future when and if changes might occur.

There is much yet to be done to ensure the preservation of not only these 21 Cornerstones, but also other sites in Sutton that deserve similar attention. The Cornerstones Project Committee meets every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. We encourage anyone who would like to help to join us.

The Cornerstones Project Committee  
*Robert S. Bristol*, Co-Chairman  
*Charles F. Whittemore*, Co-Chairman  
*Margaret E. Forbes*  
*Marjorie R. Knight*  
*Steven I. Lord*  
*Ann A. Paulson*  
*Daniel A. Sundquist*  
*George G. Wells*

## 21 CORNERSTONES OF SUTTON



### TOWN POUND

The Sutton Pound was constructed in 1803 and survives today in remarkably good condition. It is located on private property, but can be viewed easily from the Pound Road.

*Photographer Unknown*

### FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

South Sutton held its first Fourth of July Parade in 1921 and continues the tradition to this day following the parade route from Roby Road along Route 114 to the Civil War Monument at the center of the village.





### SCENIC ROADS

Seven of Sutton's roads are protected currently by the New Hampshire Scenic Road highway classification. Any changes to the right-of-way (travel surface, trees, stonewalls) must be approved at a public hearing. Examples are Keyser Street and Penacook Road circling Kezar Lake. *Penacook Road Photo Credit: Ann A. Paulson*



### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

Held at the South Sutton Meeting House, the Children's Christmas celebration is a candlelight service of the Christmas story performed in mime by the children of Sutton. The event was first presented in 1970 under the design, production and direction of Thomas Lowe. *Photo Credit: Ann A. Paulson, December 1991*





### **WADLEIGH HOMESTEAD**

This handsome homestead overlooking Kearsarge, Sunapee, Ragged, and Cardigan Mountains was the home of Benjamin Wadleigh, the seventh settler in Sutton, and built about 1784. Wadleigh family members throughout the years have been among the most prominent citizens serving in town, county, and state government.

*Photo Credit: Carol Quinn*



### **KING HILL GRANITE QUARRY**

According to the *History of Sutton*, King's Hill in North Sutton contained an "inexhaustible quarry of excellent granite, easily wrought and extensively used in this part of the country." In the 19th century, many building and house foundations in the local area (including Pillsbury Memorial Hall) were constructed on the solid granite blocks from King Hill.

*Photo Credit: Marjorie R. Knight*



### SCENIC HIGH PLACES

These are largely unbroken views of hillsides, ridges, and hilltops where one can view the foliage, sun shadows, ice and snow coatings, the rain and cloud covers alike. Meetinghouse Hill is an example of such a scenic spot.

*Lane River Photo Credit: Ann A. Paulson*



### SOUTH SUTTON VILLAGE

First settled in 1767, the village in the early 1800's consisted of the South Meeting House, a post office, several taverns, a sawmill, store, tin shop, and the first gristmill in Sutton. In 1856, South Sutton was the birthplace of George A. Pillsbury of flour fame.

*Photo Credit: Ann A. Paulson*





### SETTLERS' OVEN

Probably the site of the first settlers in Sutton, but definitely someone of mid-18th century culture constructed the oven chimney that remains today as evidence of a wooden lean-to during the mid-1700's. Excavation of cultural artifacts (ceramics, nails, pottery, pewter buttons, and a show buckle) which fit into usage of that early period have confirmed the time period.

*Photo Credit: Steven I. Lord*



### SCHOOLHOUSES AND SITES

The first mention of schools in the Sutton Town History was in 1786 when 12 pounds (about \$60) was raised. As many as 14 districts were authorized over the years, although not all were in operation at the same time. By 1922 there were three schools operating and continued that number until a central school was opened in 1954.

*Photo Credit: Robert S. Bristol*





### **OLD HOME DAY**

Old Home Day is celebrated each year in August. Trappings of costumes and a picnic lunch after the service in the South Sutton Meeting House enhance the scene as participants reflect on the traditions that have molded our cultural background.

*From Collection of Robert S. Bristol*

### **INDIAN HEARTH**

The hearth is a circular rock-lined hollow about seven feet in diameter, constructed with skill and ingenuity, and found on the west shore of Kezar Lake. Because of the cove site and its careful construction, the hearth was of special significance to its builders, most likely the Penacook Indians.

### **PALMER TOWN/SUTTON GORE**

This area of town, next to Warner on the side of Mount Kearsarge, was first settled (by the Palmer families) in the early 1800's. The area was later abandoned and remains largely unpopulated today with remnants of stone foundations and cemetery visible.



### **THE PINNACLE**

Located in the central part of Sutton, for many years the Pinnacle was a popular place to climb, picnic, and view the surrounding hills and mountains. This scenic site is now privately owned, but there is a public trail to the summit (about 1,240 feet) where there are three rock cairns of interesting origin.

*Photo Credit: Charles F. Whittemore*





### **HARVEY HOMESTEAD - MUSTER FIELD FARM**

One of Sutton's earliest settlers was Matthew Harvey, who built this lovely home about 1784. Matthew was a leader in the closing days of the Proprietorship and the beginnings of the town. His sons served in state government and in the U.S. Congress. Son Matthew was Governor of New Hampshire. The homestead is also called "Muster Field Farm," deriving its name from the colonial musters held by the local militia.

*Photo Credit: Robert S. Bristol*



### **MUSTER FIELD FARM DAY**

Since 1981 the annual Muster Field Farm Day has been held to exhibit and demonstrate the skills and old practices related to agriculture in New Hampshire. Skills and work are performed by hand and with the use of animals, horses, and oxen, encompassing a wide variety of crafts.

*From Collection of Charles F. Whittemore*



### **NORTH SUTTON VILLAGE**

The North Village has two lives intertwined: the life of farms and businesses and the life of summer boarding houses, hotels, and summer camps. In the 1800's, the broad intervale land provided excellent soil and flat land for agriculture while supporting within the community a sawmill, box shop, carriage and sleigh maker, stone shop, and blacksmith shop. During the period of 1878-1940's, North Sutton was the site of numerous boarding houses, two large hotels, two summer camps, and farms open to paying guests.

*Photo Credit: Douglas Knight*

### **EATON GRANGE**

First settled by Caleb Kimball about 1780-81 and later by John Eaton and his descendants, Eaton Grange and earlier buildings were used as taverns on the first major road through the Sutton area.

### **JONES GRIST MILL**

This first Sutton grist mill was built by Ezra Jones about 1780 on the stream about a half mile below the south village. The site today is well preserved with canals, sluiceways, and foundations.





## ICE DAY

This annual winter event is held on Kezar Lake to demonstrate the old-fashioned method of harvesting and storing blocks of ice to be used during the remaining year for the preservation of food. Ice is cut using hand and power tools with the ice being hauled to the ice house at Muster Field Farm to be used at Muster Field Farm Day in August.

*Photo Credit: Sheila Fleury, January 1992*



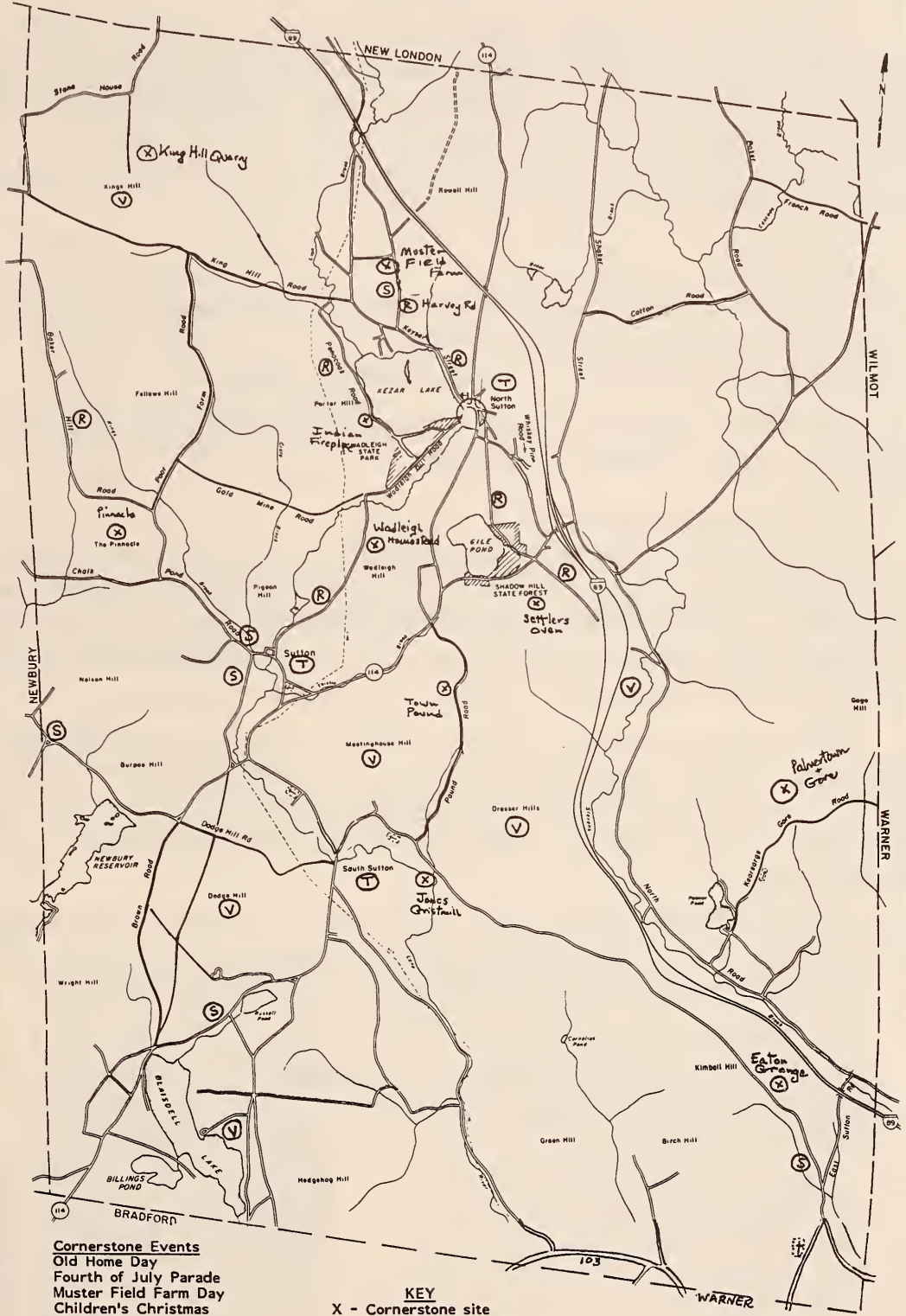
### **SUTTON MILLS VILLAGE**

Early settlers were Jonathan Nelson and Moses Quimby (who built the second sawmill in the town, the first in Sutton Mills). The town was known for its mills along the Lane River, producing sawn wood, clothing, clapboards and shingles. In 1891 the village became the home of the Pillsbury Memorial Hall (Town Hall), named after its donors, ex-Governor John S. Pillsbury in memory of his parents.

*Photo Credit: Douglas Knight*



# CORNERSTONES OF SUTTON



**Cornerstone Events**  
 Old Home Day  
 Fourth of July Parade  
 Muster Field Farm Day  
 Children's Christmas  
 Icing Day

- KEY**  
 X - Cornerstone site  
 V - Cornerstone "view"  
 R - Cornerstone road  
 T - Town Center  
 S - School house or School house site

**TOWN MEETING**  
**March 13, 1991**

The Moderator called the meeting to order at seven o'clock in the afternoon. The men and women serving overseas were recognized. The rules of order were explained. Results of the election held March 12, 1991 were read and those officers present were sworn into office.

George Wells moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant, seconded by James Bridges. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 1:  
To see if the Town of Sutton will vote to hold the total Sutton Town Budget to zero increase over last year's budget.  
(By Petition of Charles G. Ash, and forty-six others.)

Maurice Dow moved to accept Article 1 as read, seconded by Charles Forsberg. Article 1 failed by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 2:  
To see if the Town of Sutton will vote to instruct its elected and/or appointed members of the Kearsarge Regional School District (KRSD) and Municipal Budget Committee (MBC) to limit the total KRSD Budget, including total compensation, to a zero overall increase over the 1990-1991 KRSD Budget.  
(By Petition of Spurgeon K. Condo, and forty-seven others.)

James Bridges moved to accept Article 2 as read, seconded by Beryl Beltrimini. Douglas Knight moved to amend Article 2 as follows: "to strike the word instruct and replace it with the word encourage." The motion to amend was seconded by Russell Breck. The vote on the amendment was carried by voice vote.

Charles Forsberg moved to amend the Article to replace the word zero with 3%. Seconded by Russell King. This amendment failed by voice vote.

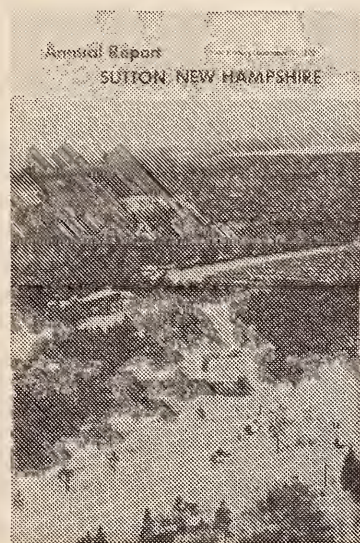
The vote on Article 2 as amended was carried by a show of hands.

The Moderator read Article 3:  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$810,141.00 for general town operations:  
General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 27,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	70,000.00
Election and Registration	1,600.00
Cemeteries	6,500.00
Town Hall	8,000.00
Budget Committee	450.00
Audit	3,800.00
Planning Board	3,000.00
Legal Expenses	8,000.00



Regional Association	887.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	<u>1,500.00</u>
	\$ 131,237.00
Public Safety:	
Police Department	\$ 49,000.00
Fire Department	14,750.00
Emergency Management	00.00
Building Inspector	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$ 64,750.00
Sanitation and Health:	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 47,600.00
Health Department	10.00
New London Hospital	2,000.00
New London Ambulance	4,000.00
Bradford Rescue Squad	800.00
Lake Sunapee Health Care	4,211.00
Sutton Rescue Squad	<u>500.00</u>
	\$ 59,121.00
Highways, Bridges, Street Lighting:	
Town Maintenance	\$ 224,310.00
General Expenses, Highway Department	5,600.00
Street Lighting	<u>6,000.00</u>
	\$ 235,910.00
Welfare:	
General Assistance	\$ 5,000.00
Community Action Program	2,280.00
Sutton Cooperative Day Care Center	<u>1,500.00</u>
	\$ 8,780.00



**1971:** To see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to prohibit smoking in the Town Hall during the Annual Meeting; the person found smoking to be removed from the Hall and pay a fine of \$5.

To accept bequests of Grace P. Nelson for the Library, the funds to be placed in custody of Trustees of Trust Funds, the annual income only to be expended. Yes.

Town appropriations: \$97,500.

Kearsarge Regional: \$137,950.

Re-evaluation of property begun by Selectmen to adjust valuations made by Tax Commission in 1967.

1970 Town Report placed first in the State.

The aeration project continued at Keyser Lake, but the financial support of the New England Regional Commission was withdrawn.

Culture and Recreation:

Library	\$ 7,000.00
South Sutton Common	300.00
Patriotic Purposes	400.00
Conservation Commission	00.00
Old Store Museum	1,100.00
Churches, a/c Nelson Fund	<u>263.00</u>
	\$ 9,063.00

Debt Service:

Interest, Tax Anticipation	\$ 76,000.00
Road Bond	27,000.00
Short Term Note (1990 Truck)	<u>2,720.00</u>
	\$ 105,720.00

Debt Retirement:

Principal Bond	\$ 100,000.00
Principal, Truck Note	<u>18,500.00</u>
	\$ 118,500.00

Miscellaneous:

FICA Contribution (Town)	\$ 18,000.00
Insurance	51,570.00
Unemployment Compensation	1,350.00
Retirement Plans	<u>6,140.00</u>
	\$ 77,060.00

Total Appropriations, Article 3

\$ 810,141.00

James Bridges moved to accept Article 3 as read, seconded by Douglas Knight. Tami Raynor moved to amend Article 3 to increase Sutton Cooperative Day Care Center to a total amount of \$2,500.00, seconded by Lee Ann Freire. The vote on the amendment was carried by voice vote.

Charles Forsberg moved to add \$125.00 to Town Officers' Expenses. There was no second.

Charles Forsberg moved to reduce Street Lighting by \$1,000.00. There was no second.

There was a call for the question by Pete Thompson, seconded by Douglas Knight. The call for the question was carried by voice vote.

The vote on Article 3 as amended to make the Total Appropriations of Article 3 \$811,141.00 was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,685.00 for the purpose of paving Hominy Pot Road; and to authorize the use of a part of the December 31, 1990 Fund Balance (Surplus) in like amount.

William Curless moved to accept Article 4 as read, seconded by Norman Forand. The vote on Article 4 was carried by voice vote.



The Moderator read Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,043.00 for a complete revaluation of the town starting in 1991 and to be completed in 1992; and to authorize the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund created for the purpose of Revaluation in the amount of \$43,000.00, plus interest accrued to the date of withdrawal.

William Curless moved to accept Article 5 as read, seconded by Eugene Aubert. The vote on Article 5 was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,700.00 for the purchase and equipping of a new Police Cruiser; and to authorize the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund created for a Police Cruiser in the amount of \$10,000.00, plus interest accrued to the date of withdrawal.

William Curless moved to accept Article 6 as read, seconded by Norman Forand. Article 6 was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the repair and reconstruction of the bridge #086/143 over Lyon Brook on Town Road #102 (sometimes known as Kings Hollow Road); and to authorize the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund for Bridges in like amount.

William Curless moved to accept Article 7 as read, seconded by Norman Forand. Article 7 was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the construction of a septage lagoon at the Waste Disposal Facility.



**1972:** To appropriate \$11,350 to purchase a tank truck for the Fire Department.

To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Shaker Street to Shaker Road.

The tank truck costed \$2,275 more than appropriated; the Department made up the difference.

Current Use Law to become effective April 1, 1973, to July 1, 1973, uncertain whether it will extend beyond that date.

"We submit that if this form of exemption of open land from taxation was applied to all forest and farm land in Sutton that the shift of the burden of taxes onto small home sites would be alarming. Because what one person does not pay, the rest of his fellow taxpayers has to make up."

Town appropriations: \$104,890.

Kearsarge Regional: \$218,385.

William Curless moved to accept Article 8 as read, seconded by Norman Forand. Article 8 was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,055.00 for repairs and refurbishing the Town Hall in recognition of the one hundredth anniversary of its construction; and to authorize the withdrawal from two Capital Reserve Funds created for Town Buildings: Fund created in 1980 plus interest accrued at time of withdrawal estimated to be \$3,810.00 and the balance of the appropriation to come from the Fund created in 1985.

William Curless moved to accept Article 9 as read, seconded by George Wells. Article 9 was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 35:16-a, to reduce the Capital Reserve Fund for extraordinary legal fees and expenses by the amount of \$8,000.00. (Majority vote required.)

William Curless moved to accept Article 10 as read, seconded by George Wells. Article 10 was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 35:16-a, to reduce the Capital Reserve Funds for cemeteries that was established for the purpose of purchasing land and fencing for cemeteries by the amount of \$3,000.00.

William Curless moved to accept Article 11 as read, seconded by George Wells. Article 11 was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for repairs and painting of the fence at Millswood Cemetery.

William Curless moved to accept Article 12 as read, seconded by Norman Forand. Article 12 was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-Laws in accordance with RSA 149-M:13 II respecting a fee schedule and in regard to the operation of the septage lagoon: These By-Laws are to be added to and become a part of the Regulations adopted August 1, 1978, and as amended March 12, 1980.

#### **BY-LAWS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SEPTAGE LAGOON**

1. Only septage originating from Sutton residents shall be accepted at the lagoon.
2. The hours of operation of the lagoon shall correspond to the regular working hours of the Secretary at the Selectmen's Office.



3. A certificate, signed by the hauler of septage, shall list date, source and volume of the septage shall be presented to the Secretary at the Selectmen's Office.
4. The certificate (#3) shall be accompanied by a fee of \$35.00 per septic tank pumped; and in addition a \$25.00 deposit for the key shall be presented to the Secretary at the Selectmen's Office.
5. Upon completion of dumping the septage, the hauler shall return the key to the Selectmen's Office and shall receive a refund of the \$25.00 deposit for the key.

George Wells moved to accept Article 13 as read, seconded by John Biewener. Article 13 was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 14:

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:1C which authorizes any Town to elect not to assess, levy and collect a Resident Tax, this would take effect April 1991 upon favorable action by the Town Meeting. (Majority vote - certified by Town Clerk.)

William Curless moved to accept Article 14 as read, seconded by James Bridges. Article 14 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with Chapter 35:16, to authorize a change in purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund established for replacement of the bridge on Grist Mill Street by vote of the Annual Meeting, 1989, to the purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund for Town Bridges; all of the moneys in the Grist Mill Street Capital Reserve Fund to be added to and incorporated in the Fund for Town Bridges. (To effect the change in purpose, a favorable vote of 2/3 of all voters present and voting is required by the Statute.)

George Wells moved to accept Article 15 as read, seconded by William Curless. A show of hands vote was held on Article 15. 91 yes votes, 21 no votes. The Moderator declared Article 15 carried by 2/3 majority.

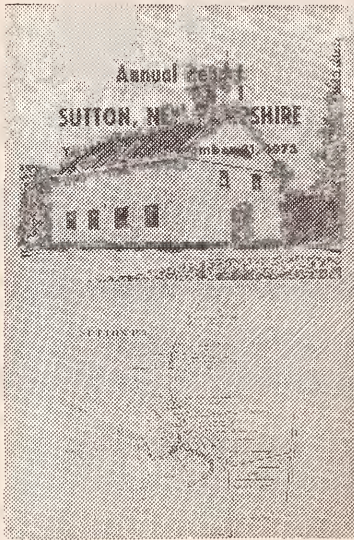
The Moderator read Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, in accordance with RSA 80:42 III, to sell and convey by deed the property known as the Austin Lot, Tax Map Lot #4-597, 495, to Gordon W. Manning, in consideration of the payment of all unpaid taxes, interest and costs.

William Curless moved to accept Article 16 as read, seconded by George Wells. Article 16 was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to formally designate Penny Ante Alley as a highway to summer cottages pursuant to RSA 231:79-81; to exempt the



**1973:** To see if the Town will buy a FWD truck for the Highway Department: \$11,500.

To see if the Town will buy a sanding body for the Highway Department: \$3,500.

To see if the Town will establish a fund for legal fees in connection with the enforcement of the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$7,750 for the construction of a new Fire House. (Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.)

To see if Town will vote to appropriate \$7,750 for refuse disposal system. (Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.)

Subdivision 1973 compared with Mid-Nineteenth Century Style - Sutton Centre subdivision.

The 1972 Town Report is first in Class II towns in N.H. and with an "outstanding" award from the New England contest.

After 28 years of service as Town Clerk and 20 years as Tax Collector, Evangeline A. Chadwick resigned January 26, 1974.

Attempts to get a Class A water classification for Kezar Lake were shot down by a Legislative Committee. "We were disheartened by this event and the classification of the Black Water River as Class A water. One concludes that politics, the influence of money, or something less than honesty, produced these results. The conclusion is that the classification of the Blackwater watershed "A" and Kezar Lake as "B," New London has no place to go with the discharge of sewage effluent except to continue to dump into Kezar Lake."

Town from keeping open and repairing the highway from December 10 to April 10. Penny Ante Alley extends southerly to its terminus at the property line of lands now of Dennis Euson, formerly Anderson, and of Walden Sundell, formerly Penney, from its junction with the road leading from Keyser Street to the road to the residence of Elizabeth Beattie.

William Curless moved to accept Article 17 as read, seconded by George Wells. Charles Ash moved to allow Patricia Lomans, a non-resident property owner, to speak to the meeting. This was seconded by James Bridges and carried by voice vote. Ms. Lomans was allowed to address the Town Meeting.

Eugene Aubert moved to table Article 17, seconded by Wesley Kendall. The motion to table was carried by a show of hands. 60 yes votes, 24 no votes.

The Moderator read Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend federal and state grants which may become available during the course of the year, in accordance with RSA 31:95-b and also to accept and expend money from any other governmental unit or private source to be used for purposes which the Town may legally appropriate money.

William Curless moved to accept Article 18 as read, seconded by Norman Forand. Article 18 was carried by voice vote.

Charles Forsberg moved to remove Article 17 from table, seconded by Patrick Doherty. The motion was defeated by a show of hands, 34 yes votes, 37 no votes.



The Moderator read Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

William Curless moved to accept Article 19 as read, seconded by George Wells. Article 19 was carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 20:

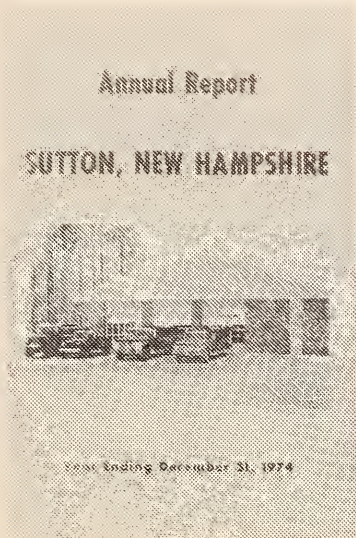
To see if the Town will vote to accept any of the moneys received during the year since the last Annual Meeting for the establishment of Trust Funds.

Norman Forand moved to accept Article 20 as read, seconded by George Wells. Article 20 was carried by voice vote.

Patrick Doherty moved to remove Article 17 from table, seconded by Richard Meaney. The following people requested a paper ballot: Patrick Doherty, Clayton Carter, Linda Carter, James Bridges and Kerin Shaughnessey. The vote to remove Article 17 from table was held by paper ballot. The motion to remove from table was defeated, 42 yes votes, 45 no votes.

William Curless moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alan Harris. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Carol P. Curless*  
Town Clerk



*1974: To see if the Town will have a complete re-appraisal of all taxable real estate made by the Department of Revenue Administration and appropriate the sum of \$16,400 for the cost of it.*

*To see if the Town will appropriate \$53,400 for the construction of a Fire House. (\$16,000 from Federal Revenue Sharing Fund, balance by notes and taxes.)*

*To appropriate \$20,000 to purchase shovel-loader.*

*Town appropriations: \$230,720.*

*Kearsarge Regional: \$283,124.*

*Per Statute, burning dumps to be halted July 1, 1975. As the deadline draws nearer the definition of a solution becomes clearer, ...there will probably be some proposal on which the Town can act. We are confident that the Committee will lead us to the right dump; and we believe in the success of "home rule."*

*Town Report dedicated to William Barnard Connor and his wife, Sadie Palmer Connor; and to Arthur Eliphalet Davis and his wife, Alice M. Cheney Davis.*

*They gave generously of their lives; a full measure of devoted service to the Town of Sutton.*

*Revaluation in progress, to be completed in time to use to compute 1975 taxes.*

*Town History reprint. The 1890 Town History, two volumes combined into one with added photographs and map of the Proprietors' lots. Publication date: February 15, 1975.*

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE  
PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET LAW

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION



BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF \_\_\_\_\_ SUTTON \_\_\_\_\_ N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992 or for Fiscal Year

From \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

RSA 31:95 and 32:5

Budget Committee: (Please sign in ink)

Date 2/11/92

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PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION					Budget Committee		
(RSA 31:4)							
Acct. No.	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	W.A. No.	* Actual Appropriations Current Year (omit cents)	Actual Expenditures Current Year (omit cents)	Selectmen's Budget Ensuing Fiscal Year (omit cents)	Recommended Ensuing Fiscal Year (omit cents)	Not Recommended (omit cents)
4130	Executive	1	65,280	57,503	62,810	62,810	
4140	Elec., Reg., & Vital Stat.	1	1,820	2,374	3,380	4,380	
4150	Financial Administration	1	30,800	31,092	34,400	34,400	
4152	Revaluation of Property	7	75,043	4,723	16,000	16,000	
4153	Legal Expense	1	8,000	6,248	6,000	6,000	
4155	Employee Benefits	1	46,458	43,265	48,317	48,317	
4191	Planning and Zoning	1	4,500	3,224	4,600	4,600	
4194	General Government Bldg.	VAR	19,655	16,701	21,540	21,540	
4195	Cemeteries	1	12,500	10,810	7,500	7,500	
4196	Insurance	1	52,920	42,290	55,583	55,583	
4197	Advertising and Reg. Assoc.	1	1,587	1,677	1,968	1,968	
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4199	Other General Government	1	263	263	263	263	
PUBLIC SAFETY							
4210	Police	1	46,976	44,511	52,092	52,092	
4215	Ambulance	1	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	
4220	Fire	1	14,750	15,183	14,750	14,750	
—	Building Inspection	1	1,000	929	1,000	1,000	
—	Bradford Rescue Squad	1	800	800	800	800	
—	F.A.S.T. Squad	1	500	500	650	650	
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS							
4312	Highways and Streets	VAR	225,695	223,187	305,697	260,297	45,400
4313	Bridges		3,500	2,386			
4316	Street Lighting	1	6,000	5,365	6,000	6,000	
—	Other highway exp.	1			4,000	4,000	
—	—						
SANITATION							
4323	Solid Waste Collection						
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	VAR	47,600	51,962	56,650	56,650	
—	Sewage Disposal		10,000	10,000			
—	—						
—	—						
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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT							
4332	Water Services						
4335	Water Treatment						
—	—						
—	—						
—	—						
HEALTH							
4414	Pest Control						
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	1	6,211	6,211	6,415	6,415	
—	Health Admin.	1	10		100	100	
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WELFARE							
4442	Direct Assistance	1	5,000	9,366	8,000	8,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welf. Pay'ts.						
—	Welfare Admin	1	100	500	1,000	1,000	
—	Comm.Action Program	1	2,280	2,290	2,454	2,454	
—	Co-op PreSchool	1	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
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Sub-Totals (carry to top of page 3)			695,748	599,860	728,469	684,069	45,400

Acct. No.	W.A. No.	1	2	3	4		5
		*Actual Appropriations Current Year (omit cents)	Actual Expenditures Current Year (omit cents)	Selectmen's Budget Ensuig Fiscal Year (omit cents)	Budget Committee		
					Recommended Ensuig Fiscal Year (omit cents)	Not Recommended (omit cents)	
Sub-Totals (from page 2)		695,748	599,860	728,469	684,069	45,400	
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>							
4520 Parks and Recreation	1	300	300	1,300	300	1,000	
4550 Library	1	6,656	6,659	6,765	6,765		
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1	400	400	400	400		
— Old Store Museum	1	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100		
<b>CONSERVATION</b>							
4612 Purchase of Natural Res.							
— Conservation Comm'n	1			251	251		
— —							
<b>REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING</b>							
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<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>							
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<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>							
4711 Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	1	118,500	118,500	118,500	118,500		
4721 Int.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	1	29,720	29,720	21,466	21,466		
4723 Interest on TAN	1	76,000	57,646	56,115	56,115		
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<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>							
— Police Cruiser	1	14,700	14,700				
— Highway Truck	4			59,350	59,350		
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<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>							
4914 To Capital Reserve Funds:	VAR			16,250	14,000	1,250	
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4916 To Trust and Agency Funds:							
(RSA 31:19-a)							
— —							
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		943,124	828,885	1,009,966	962,316	47,650	

\* Enter in these columns the numbers which were revised and approved by DRA and which appear on the current tax rate papers.

**HELP!** We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriation which is made up of appropriations from more than one (1) warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total. We hope this will expedite the tax rate process by reducing the number of inquiries from this office.

Acct.	W.A.	Amt.	Acct.	W.A.	Amt.
4194	1	14,040	4914	2	11,000
4194	8	7,500	4914	3	3,000
4312	1	214,817			
4312	5	22,680			
4312	6	21,000			
4312	9	1,800			
4324	1	51,650			
4324	10	5,000			



SOURCES OF REVENUE		1	2	3	4
Acct. No.	W.A. No.	*Estimated Revenues Current Year (omit cents)	Actual Revenues Current Year (omit cents)	Selectmen's Budget Ensuing Fiscal Year (omit cents)	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year (omit cents)
3120 Land Use Change Taxes		9,435	8,885	5,000	5,000
3180 Resident Taxes			840		
3185 Yield Taxes		14,915	12,324	11,850	11,850
3189 Other Taxes		635	458	460	460
3190 Int. & Pen. on Delinquent Taxes		40,800	37,666	40,000	40,000
— Inventory Penalties					
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES					
3210 Business Licenses and Permits					
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		100,000	94,904	95,000	95,000
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		2,365	2,237	2,450	2,450
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT					
3319 Other					
FROM STATE					
3351 Shared Revenue		12,363	12,363	12,363	12,363
3353 Highway Block Grant		62,687	62,687	65,125	65,125
3354 Water Pollution Grants					
3356 State & Fed. Forest Land Reimb.		27	28	25	25
3357 Flood Control Reimbursement					
3359 Other					
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT					
3379 Intergovernmental Revenues					
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401 Income from Departments		10,100	8,520	11,200	11,200
3409 Other Charges		5,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	4	1,310	1,633	5,000	5,000
3502 Interest on Investments		18,450	46,005	35,000	35,000
3509 Other		4,878	7,407	12,474	12,474
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3914 Capital Reserve Fund		73,555	37,721	38,500	38,500
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—					
3915 Enterprise Fund					
Sewer —					
Water —					
Electric —					
3916 Trust and Agency Funds		5,363	12,507	6,363	6,363
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934 Proc. from Long Term Notes & Bonds	4			40,000	40,000
— Fund Balance		84,925	84,925		
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		446,808	433,610	383,310	383,310

Total Appropriations	962,316
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes	383,310
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)	579,006

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N.H.**  
**BUDGET FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS  
OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET LAW**

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE -MBA-

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: TOWN OF SUTTON

FISCAL YEAR ENDING December 31, 1992

10% Limitation per RSA 32:8

1. Total Amt. recommended by Budget Committee		<u>962,316</u>
LESS EXCLUSIONS:		
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$ 118,500	
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$ 21,466	
4. Capital Outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b	\$	
5. Amount recommended-collective bargaining cost items	\$	
6. Amount recommended-water & waste treatment facilities ordered by water supply & pollution control	\$	
7. Mandatory Assessments	\$	
8.	\$	
9. Total Exclusions (sum of rows 2-8)	\$ 139,966	
10. Amount Recommended less Exclusions (Line 1 less line 9)		<u><u>822,350</u></u>
11. 10% of Amount Recommended less Exclusions (Line 10 times .10)	\$ 82,235	
12. Add Total Amount Recommended by Budget Committee <del>LESS EXCLUSIONS (Line 9)</del>	\$ 962,316	
13. Add Amount that is collective bargaining cost items per RSA 32:8-a	\$	
14. Add Amount that is water & waste treatment facilities ordered by Water Supply & Pollution Control per RSA 32:10-b	\$	
15. Maximum Amount That May be Appropriated (Sum of rows 11-14)		<u><u>1,044,551</u></u>



TOWN OF SUTTON  
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1992

(in format of Town Warrant)

	1991		1992	
	Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Selectmens' Budget	Budget Committee Recommended NOT Recomm
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
Town Officers' Salaries	27,500	27,543	29,900	30,900
Town Officers' Expenses	70,000	64,161	75,800	75,800
Election and Registration	1,600	1,761	2,430	2,430
Cemeteries	6,500	6,277	7,500	7,500
Town Hall	8,000	7,784	6,240	6,240
Budget Committee	450	417	450	450
Planning Board	3,000	2,208	3,000	3,000
Legal	8,000	6,248	6,000	6,000
Regional Planning Association	887	887	1,168	1,168
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,500	1,016	1,600	1,600
Audit	3,800	3,800	4,000	4,000
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>				
Police Department	49,000	44,511	54,546	54,546
Fire Department	14,750	15,183	14,750	14,750
Building Inspector	1,000	929	1,000	1,000
<u>SANITATION &amp; HEALTH</u>				
Solid Waste Disposal	47,600	51,962	51,650	51,650
Health Department	10	00	100	100
New London Hospital	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
New London Ambulance	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Bradford Rescue Squad	800	800	800	800
Lake Sunapee Health Care	4,211	4,211	4,415	4,415
Sutton Rescue (F.A.S.T.) Squad	500	500	650	650
<u>HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, STREET LIGHTING</u>				
Town Maintenance	224,310	221,802	231,340	231,340
General Expenses, Highway Dept.	5,600	2,862	7,800	7,800
Street Lighting	6,000	5,365	6,000	6,000
<u>WELFARE</u>				
General Assistance	• 5,000	9,366	8,000	8,000
Community Action Program	2,280	2,290	2,454	2,454
Sutton Co-op PreSchool	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>				
Library	6,656	6,659	6,765	6,765
South Sutton Common	300	300	300	300
Patriotic Purposes	400	400	400	400
Conservation Commission			251	251
Old Store Museum	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Churches	263	263	263	263
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>				
Interest, Tax Anticipation Notes	76,000	57,646	56,115	56,115
Road Bond	27,000	27,000	20,250	20,250
S/T Note (1990 Truck)	2,720	2,720	1,216	1,216
<u>DEBT RETIREMENT</u>				
Principal, Road Bond	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Principal, Truck Note	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500

	1991		1992		
	Appropriation	Actual Expenses	Selectmens' Budget	Budget Committee Recommended	NOT Recomm
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>					
FICA Contribution (Town)	18,344	16,460	17,000	17,000	
Insurance	51,570	41,292	54,483	54,483	
Unemployment Compensation	1,350	998	1,100	1,100	
Retirement Plans	6,140	6,082	6,150	6,150	
TOTAL: 1992 ARTICLE 1	811,141	769,803	813,986	814,986	
<u>1992 SPECIAL ARTICLES</u>					
2. Capital Res. Funds Existing			13,250	11,000	1,250
3. Capital Res. Funds, New			3,000	3,000	
4. Highway Dept. Truck			59,350	59,350	
5. Paving Kearsarge Valley Rd.			22,680	22,680	
6. Gravel Roads Improvement			21,000	21,000	
7. Revaluation, Add'l Costs			16,000	16,000	
8. Town Hall Roof Repairs			7,500	7,500	
9. Street Signs			1,800	1,800	
10. Compliance, NH DES Reg'ns			5,000	5,000	
12. Blaisdell Farm Rd. Improv'nt			45,400		45,400
20. Bradford/Newbury Youth Sports			1,000		1,000
TOTAL: SPECIAL ARTICLES	131,983	59,082	195,980	147,330	47,650
<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>	943,124	828,885	1,009,966	962,316	47,650

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

DATE: 2/11/92

William F. Carlson  
Charles M. As  
du Ha  
George G. Wells

John F. Biewener  
Robert S. Burtol



## TAXES ASSESSED FOR ALL PURPOSES

### With Sources of Revenue to Balance

(The TAX RATE was computed from the following information)

#### APPROPRIATIONS - All Purposes

##### General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries .....	\$ 27,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses .....	70,000.00
Election and Registration .....	1,600.00
Cemeteries .....	6,500.00
Town Hall .....	8,000.00
Financial Administration (Budget Committee) .....	450.00
Audit .....	3,800.00
Planning Board .....	3,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	8,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	1,500.00
Regional Association .....	887.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 131,237.00

##### Public Safety:

Police Department .....	\$ 49,000.00
Fire Department .....	14,750.00
Building Inspector .....	1,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 64,750.00

##### Highways, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance .....	\$ 224,310.00
General Expenses, Highway .....	5,600.00
Street Lights .....	6,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES	\$ 235,910.00

##### Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal .....	\$ 47,600.00
TOTAL SANITATION	\$ 47,600.00

##### Health:

Health Department .....	\$ 10.00
New London Hospital .....	2,000.00
New London Ambulance .....	4,000.00
Bradford Rescue Squad .....	800.00
Sutton Rescue Squad .....	500.00
Lake Sunapee Home Health Care .....	4,211.00
TOTAL HEALTH	\$ 11,521.00

##### Welfare:

General Assistance .....	\$ 5,000.00
Community Action Program .....	2,280.00
Sutton Cooperative Preschool .....	2,500.00
TOTAL WELFARE	\$ 9,780.00

**Culture and Recreation:**

Library .....	\$ 7,000.00
South Sutton Common .....	300.00
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day) .....	400.00
Old Store Museum .....	1,100.00
Churches (Nelson Fund) .....	<u>263.00</u>
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$ 9,063.00

**Debt Service:**

Principal of Long-Term Bonds and Notes .....	\$ 118,500.00
Interest, Long-Term Bonds and Notes .....	29,720.00
Interest, Tax Anticipation Notes .....	<u>76,000.00</u>
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ 224,220.00

**Miscellaneous:**

FICA .....	\$ 18,000.00
Insurance .....	51,570.00
Unemployment Compensation .....	1,350.00
Retirement Plan (ICMA) .....	<u>6,140.00</u>
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 77,060.00
TOTAL ARTICLE #3	\$ 811,141.00

**Special Articles:**

Paving Hominy Pot Road (#4) .....	\$ 16,685.00
Revaluation (#5) .....	75,043.00
Police Cruiser (#6) .....	14,700.00
Bridge Repair, 086/143 (#7) .....	3,500.00
Septage Lagoon (#8) .....	10,000.00
Town Hall Refurbishing (#9) .....	6,055.00
Cemetery Fence Painted (#12) .....	<u>6,000.00</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$ 131,983.00

TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 943,124.00
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**Taxes Assessed, Other Governmental Divisions:**

County Tax .....	\$ 192,187.00
School Tax .....	<u>1,382,755.00</u>

TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 2,518,066.00
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Plus Overlay .....	3,194.00
Plus War Service Credits .....	<u>13,500.00</u>

TOTAL MONIES NEEDED FOR ALL PURPOSES	\$ 2,534,760.00
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## SOURCES OF REVENUE TO BALANCE

The money needed to provide the appropriations listed above for the Town, School District, and County services is provided by estimated revenues from the following sources, including the amount raised by taxes.

<b>From Local Taxes:</b>	<b>\$ 2,129,862.00</b>
Property Tax .....	\$ 2,064,712.00
Yield Tax .....	14,915.00
Land Use Change Tax .....	9,435.00
Interest on Taxes, Tax Sales Redeemed .....	40,800.00
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues - State:</b>	<b>\$ 98,317.00</b>
Shared Revenue Block Grant .....	35,603.00
Highway Block Grant .....	62,687.00
State Forest Land .....	27.00
<b>Licenses and Permits:</b>	<b>\$ 106,235.00</b>
Motor Vehicle Permits .....	100,000.00
Dog Licenses .....	1,000.00
Business Licenses, Permits, Filing Fees .....	1,500.00
Town Clerk .....	1,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	700.00
Planning Board .....	1,400.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes .....	635.00
<b>Charges for Services:</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
Police Department .....	3,000.00
Solid Waste Facility .....	2,800.00
Town Office .....	200.00
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues:</b>	<b>\$ 29,518.00</b>
Interest, Invested Bond .....	7,150.00
Interest on Deposits .....	11,300.00
Sale of Town Property (Land) .....	1,310.00
Insurance Dividend .....	1,333.00
Insurance Adjustment .....	2,560.00
MCI Communications Franchise .....	865.00
Road Betterment .....	5,000.00
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>	<b>\$ 164,828.00</b>
Refund IRS .....	985.00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds .....	73,555.00
Withdrawals Trust Funds .....	5,363.00
Fund Balance .....	84,925.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES TO BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 2,534,760.00</b>

## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION, 1991

### Value of Land:

Assessed Value, Current Use Land	\$ 373,732.00
Assessed Value, Conservation Restriction	1,690.00
Assessed Value, Residential Land	16,466,119.00
Assessed Value, Commercial/Industrial	<u>887,700.00</u>

Total Value, All Taxable Land \$ 17,729,241.00

### Value of Buildings:

Assessed Value, Residential	\$ 32,053,947.00
Assessed Value, Manufactured Housing	115,750.00
Assessed Value, Commercial/Industrial	<u>2,422,050.00</u>

Total Value, All Taxable Buildings \$ 34,591,747.00

### Value of Public Utilities:

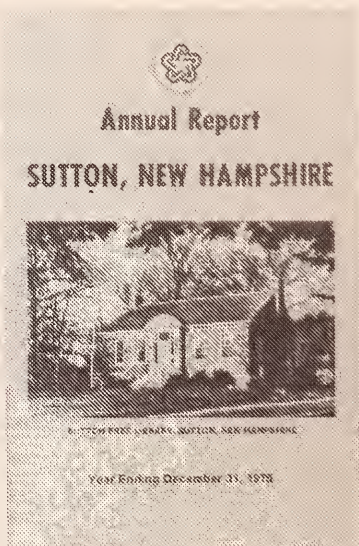
Electric Companies	<u>\$ 560,230.00</u>
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Total Value, Before Exemptions \$ 52,881,218.00

### Less:

Elderly Exemptions (16)	<u>210,000.00</u>
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Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed \$ 52,671,218.00



*1975: To see if the Town will vote to grant site plan review to the Planning Board. Yes.*

*To see if the Town will adopt a flood plain ordinance. Yes.*

*To close Harvey Road subject to gates and bars southerly from the Hominy Pot Road to residence of John Knox. Yes.*

*To accept as Town roads: Ridge Road, portion of Meadowbrook Road. Yes.*

*To accept road in John Clough Subdivision after the Selectmen approve the road.*

*To accept Bass Point Road. Yes.*

*Five years after King Ridge appealed Sutton's taxation of ski lifts, the Town got a favorable ruling from the State Supreme Court that ski lifts are real estate, not machinery, and therefore taxable. (Legal fees: \$2,765.)*

*A ballot vote at a Special Meeting June 24 on an amendment to the Building Ordinance brought our Code into conformity with the requirements for the Federal Flood Insurance Program.*

*The Sutton Cooperative Pre-School Center is operating a nursery school in the basement dining room of the Town Hall with the permission of the Selectmen, rent free.*

*Town Appropriations: \$145,710.*

*Kearsarge Regional: \$298,790.*

## TAX RATE AND COMPARISONS

	<u>1990</u>	<u>Share</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>Share</u>	Amt. of <u>Chng</u>	%age <u>Chng</u>
Town	\$ 9.83	.265	\$ 9.60	.245	— .23	.023
County	3.63	.098	3.62	.092	— .01	.003
School	<u>23.64</u>	<u>.637</u>	<u>25.98</u>	<u>.663</u>	<u>+ 2.34</u>	<u>.100</u>
	\$ 37.10	1.000	\$ 39.20	1.000	+ 2.10	.057

## REPORT ON CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
<b>FOREST LAND:</b>		
Hardwood and Other .....	5,571.66	\$ 57,609.00
Pine Type .....	3,315.37	119,525.50
Spruce/Fir and Other .....	2,523.41	60,483.00
<b>WILD LAND:</b>		
Unmanaged .....	3,626.91	122,654.00
Unproductive .....	91.00	3,205.00
Inactive Farm .....	165.60	10,950.00
Wetlands .....	632.64	2,404.00
<b>FARM LAND:</b>		
Permanent Pasture .....	187.99	9,934.00
Forage Crops .....	127.02	21,840.00
Horticultural Crops .....	10.43	2,705.00
Natural Preserve .....	60.00	350.00
Christmas Tree Plantation .....	<u>5.00</u>	<u>275.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16,317.03</b>	<b>\$ 411,934.50</b>
Less: 20% Recreation Adjustment ...		<u>36,512.50</u>
<b>NET CURRENT USE VALUE .....</b>		<b>\$ 375,422.00</b>

**NOTE:** All Current Use values were adjusted in 1991 to the 44% equalization ratio. This is, all Current Use assessments were reduced by 56% on the already low assessment rates. The overall value of Current Use land is \$80,119 more or 27% higher.

The increase is due in part to the rise in the equalization ratio by 5%, and also to an additional 255.22 acres being placed in Current Use assessment. This is the net number of acres added, accounting for 16.86 acres removed from Current Use.





**1976:** To designate as scenic roads: Wadleigh Hill Road, Corporation Hill Road. Voted in affirmative.

Progress report from Solid Waste Disposal Committee: "The Committee still feels that the best solution to the solid waste disposal problem for the Town of Sutton is to convert the present dump to a transfer station and haul the refuse to a landfill site outside the town."

Voted \$12,000 for a new truck for the Highway Department; \$3,000 from Capital Reserve Fund; \$5,000 from Federal Revenue Sharing Fund; \$4,000 to be raised from taxes.

## EROSION OF TAX BASE a/c CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT

Net Current Use Value	\$ 375,422.00
Plus "Site Value" of Same Lands	<u>2,937,925.00</u>
TOTAL Value of Lands in Current Use Program	\$ 3,313,347.00

Tax Rate based on valuation with Current Use: \$39.20

Tax Rate based on valuation without Current Use: \$33.25

Ad Valorem Value of same lands before Current Use: \$9,805,715.00

Tax Rate computed on valuation with all lands at ad valorem value, including those in Current Use (including \$9,805,715 valuation at full value in place of Current Use valuation of \$3,313,547): \$33.25.

Because of Current Use valuation the tax rate is \$5.95 per \$1,000 of valuation higher for all taxpayers. Every property paid \$5.95 more per \$1,000 of valuation because of those properties in the Current Use program. A property valued at \$50,000 and ineligible for Current Use Assessment paid \$297.50 MORE because of Current Use exemptions.

The number of acres under Current Use Assessment is approximately one-half of the total area of the town.

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

## Year Ending December 31, 1991

Title of Appropriation	Continuing Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts	Available	Expended	Balance	Overdraft	Carried Forward
<b>1. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>								
a. Executive (Town Officers' Salaries)	\$	\$ 27,500.00	\$	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 27,542.50	\$	\$ 42.50	\$
b. Election & Registration		1,600.00		1,600.00	1,761.24		161.24	
c. Financial Administration								
(Town Officer's Expenses)		70,000.00		70,000.00	64,160.75	5,839.25		
d. Revaluation of Property		75,043.00		75,043.00	4,563.60			
e. Legal Expenses		8,000.00		8,000.00	5,153.05	2,846.95		
f. Personnel Administration								70,479.40
(1) FICA		18,000.00		18,000.00	16,459.69	1,540.31		
(2) ICMA		4,482.00		4,482.00	4,434.56	47.44		
(3) Police Retirement		1,658.00		1,658.00	1,647.50	10.50		
g. Planning and Zoning								
(1) Planning Board		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,131.54	868.46		
(2) Zoning Board of Adj.		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,016.11	483.89		
h. General Government Buildings								
(1) Maintenance		8,000.00		8,000.00	7,617.05	382.95		
(2) Repairs		6,055.00		6,055.00	6,055.00			
i. Cemeteries								
(1) General Care		6,500.00		6,500.00	6,276.50	223.50		
(2) Repair of Fence		6,000.00		6,000.00	4,533.00	1,467.00		
j. Insurance not Otherwise Allocated								
(1) General Bonds		51,570.00		51,570.00	41,292.06	10,277.94		
(2) Unemployment Comp.		1,350.00		1,350.00	998.15	351.85		
k. Advertising & Reg. Assoc.		887.00		887.00	887.00			
l. Other General Government								
(1) Budget Committee		450.00		450.00	372.45	77.55		
(2) Audit		3,800.00		3,800.00	3,800.00			

Title of Appropriation	Continuing Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts	Available	Expended	Balance	Overdraft	Carried Forward
<b>2. PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>								
a. Police		49,000.00		49,000.00	43,148.45	5,851.55		
b. Fire		14,750.00		14,750.00	14,817.40		67.40	
d. Building Inspection		1,000.00		1,000.00	928.67	71.33		
<b>3. HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:</b>								
a. Administration (General Expenses, Highway)		5,600.00		5,600.00	2,737.76	2,862.24		
b. Highways & Streets (Town Maintenance)		224,310.00	2,561.70	226,871.70	218,744.37	8,127.33		
d. Street Lighting		6,000.00		6,000.00	4,897.02	1,102.98		
e. Other Highway, Streets and Bridges		3,500.00		3,500.00	2,385.91	1,114.09		
<b>4. SANITATION:</b>								
c. Solid Waste Disposal		47,600.00		47,600.00	51,724.57		4,124.57	
<b>6. HEALTH:</b>								
c. Health Agencies & Hospitals								
(1) New London Hospital		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00			
(2) New London Ambulance		4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00			
(3) Bradford Rescue Squad		800.00		800.00	800.00			
(4) Sutton Rescue Squad		500.00		500.00	500.00			
(5) Lake Sunapee Home Health Care		4,211.00		4,211.00	4,210.71	.29		
<b>8. WELFARE:</b>								
b. Direct Assistance		5,000.00		5,000.00	8,460.93		3,460.93	
c. Intergovernmental Welfare								
Payments (Community Action Program)		2,280.00		2,280.00	2,290.00		10.00	
e. Other Welfare (Sutton Coop Preschool)		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00			



Title of Appropriation	Continuing Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts	Available	Expended	Balance	Overdraft	Carried Forward
9. CULTURE AND RECREATION:								
a. Parks and Recreation (South Sutton Common)		300.00		300.00	300.00			
b. Library		7,000.00		7,000.00	6,841.06	158.94		
c. Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day)		400.00		400.00	400.00			
d. Other Culture and Recreation								
(1) Old Store Museum		1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00			
(2) Churches		263.00		263.00	262.50	.50		
10. CONSERVATION:								
a. Administration (Conser- vation Commission)			597.06	597.06	597.06			
13. DEBT SERVICE:								
a. Principal								
(1) Capital Improve. Bond		100,000.00		100,000.00	100,000.00			
(2) Truck Note		18,500.00		18,500.00	18,500.00			
b. Interest								
(1) Bond		27,000.00		27,000.00	27,000.00			
(2) Truck		2,720.00		2,720.00	2,719.76	.24		
c. Interest on Tax & Revenue Anticipation Notes		76,000.00		76,000.00	57,645.57	18,354.43		
14. CAPITAL OUTLAY:								
a. Land and Improvements (Septage Lagoon)	2,961.20	10,000.00		12,961.20	12,298.00			663.20
b. Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment (Police Cruiser)		14,700.00		14,700.00	14,700.00			

Title of Appropriation	Continuing Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts	Available	Expended	Balance	Overdraft	Carried Forward
d. Improvements Other than Buildings								
(1) Hominy Pot Road, paving		16,685.00		16,685.00	16,685.00			1,350.00
(2) Street Signs (#10, 1990)	1,800.00			1,800.00	450.00			
(3) Computer Software	616.91			616.91	620.92		4.01	
TOTALS	\$ 5,378.11	\$ 943,114.00	\$ 3,158.76	\$ 951,650.87	\$ 824,967.41	\$ 62,061.51	\$ 7,870.65	\$ 72,492.60
Continuing Appropriations	\$ 5,378.11							
Plus Appropriations	943,114.00							
Plus Receipts	3,158.76							
Total Available	\$ 951,650.87							
Less Expended	824,967.41							
BALANCE	\$ 126,683.46							
Balances	\$ 62,061.51							
Plus Carried Forward	72,492.60							
Total	\$ 134,554.11							
Less Overdrafts	7,870.65							
BALANCE	\$ 126,683.46							

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**Year Ending December 31, 1991**

*Assets*

**Cash:**

General Fund (Checking Account)	\$ 110,787.46	
Security Deposits a/c Roads	<u>4,059.83</u>	
		\$ 114,847.29

**Accounts Receivable:**

a/c Flood Damage, August 1990	2,871.00	
a/c Iacovelli Road Project	2,500.00	
a/c Return of Contribution, Workers' Compensation Fund	11,174.17	
a/c Power Profit	<u>636.21</u>	
		\$ 17,181.38

**Due From:**

Capital Reserve Fund, Revaluation	<u>38,200.00</u>	
		\$ 38,200.00

**Due From:**

Capital Improvement Program, Interest	<u>3,343.87</u>	
		\$ 3,343.87

**Unredeemed Taxes:**

Levy 1990	123,636.21	
Levy 1989	<u>63,979.02</u>	
		\$ 187,615.23

**Uncollected Taxes:**

Levy 1991, Property	556,093.48	
Yield Taxes 1991	4,798.98	
Yield Taxes, Prior Years	<u>735.85</u>	
		<u>\$ 561,628.31</u>

<b>Total Assets .....</b>		<b>\$ 922,816.96</b>
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## *Liabilities*

**Accounts Payable:**

Accounts Payable	\$ 9,676.78	
		\$ 9,676.78

**Allowance for Uncollected Taxes:**

Reserve, 1991 Taxes	<u>3,577.85</u>	
		\$ 3,577.85

**Security Deposits a/c Roads:**

Chalk Pond, King Hill	<u>4,559.83</u>	
		\$ 4,559.83

**Due, State of New Hampshire:**

Dog Licenses Collected, Not Remitted	<u>27.50</u>	
		\$ 27.50

**Due Trustees of Library:**

Balance, 1991 Appropriation	<u>158.94</u>	
		\$ 158.94

**Balance Due School District:**

1991-1992 Appropriation	<u>691,377.00</u>	
		\$ 691,377.00

**Reserved for Encumbrances:**

Balance Unexpended Appropriations	<u>73,741.03</u>	
		\$ 73,741.03

<b>Total Liabilities</b> .....	\$ 783,118.93
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Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance .....	<u>139,698.03</u>
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<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b> .....	\$ 922,816.96
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**Change in Condition of Unappropriated Fund Balance:**

Fund Balance .....	\$ 922,816.96
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Less Liabilities and Appropriated General Fund .....	<u>783,118.93</u>
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Fund Balance Unappropriated .....	\$ 139,698.03
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**Change in Condition:**

Balance, 12/31/90 .....	\$ 146,227.34
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Balance, 12/31/91 .....	<u>139,698.03</u>
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(Decrease) .....	\$ 6,529.31
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## BOND, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1991 \$ 143,513.48

### RECEIPTS, 1991:

Interest \$ 7,777.18

Uncashed Check #160 1.00

7,778.18

Total Available \$ 151,291.66

Less All Payments 146,704.56

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1991 \$ 4,587.10

### PAYMENTS:

Keyser Street:

Pike Industries \$ 50,975.00

Baker Hill Road:

J.W. Ohler, Inc. \$ 600.00

Stevens Engineering 136.40

\$ 736.40

Roby Road:

Clarke & Co. \$ 14,950.00

Penn Culvert 7,000.00

Rowe Bros. 3,730.00

Stevens Engineering 12,600.00

United Construction Co. 6,902.00

Whitcomb Construction 42,600.00

Releases, Permits, Recording 61.16

\$ 87,843.16

Interest Transferred to Town General Account 7,150.00

TOTAL ALL PAYMENTS \$ 146,704.56

Balance, January 1, 1992 \$ 143,513.48

1991 Interest 7,777.18

Check #160, Uncashed 1.00

\$ 151,291.66

Interest transferred to Town General Account 7,150.00

\$ 144,141.66

1991 Expenditures Paid 139,554.56

NET WORKING BALANCE \$ 4,587.10

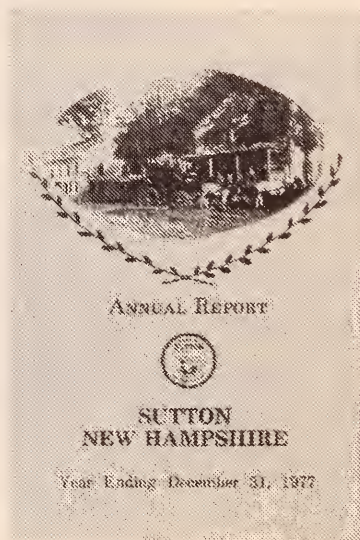
# STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT, TOWN OF SUTTON

## December 31, 1991

### Annual Maturities and Amortization of Debt

#### General Obligation Debt

<b>Maturities Fiscal Year Ending 12/31</b>	<b>1989 Series A Bond 6.75% Capital Improvement Program Original Amount \$500,000</b>		<b>Truck Serial Note Due 7/17/92</b>	
	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>
1992	\$100,000	\$20,250	\$18,500	\$1,215.86
1993	\$100,000	\$13,500		
1994	\$100,000	\$ 6,750		
	<b>Total Maturities</b>	<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	
1992	\$ 118,500.00	\$ 21,465.86	\$ 139,965.86	
1993	100,000.00	13,500.00	113,500.00	
1994	100,000.00	6,750.00	106,750.00	



1977: To designate Harvey Road and Keyser Street scenic.  
Voted \$1,700 for technical and legal assistance to request variance from prohibition on open dump burning.  
Voted \$15,000 for the completion the Fire Station.  
A plaque presented by Rev. Janet MacGray to Robert Bristol for nine terms as Selectman.

Master Plan for Town of Sutton adopted by Planning Board August 15, 1977. Objectives: 1) Maintain rural/residential character; 2) Assure basic needs of health, safety and housing are satisfied; 3) Control development in compatible way with purposes of Master Plan; 4) Keep costs of Town services in line with financial capabilities; 5) Encourage use of lands for agriculture/forestry; 6) Protection of significant natural and historic areas; 7) Control location of public utility and transportation facilities to minimize impact on environment.

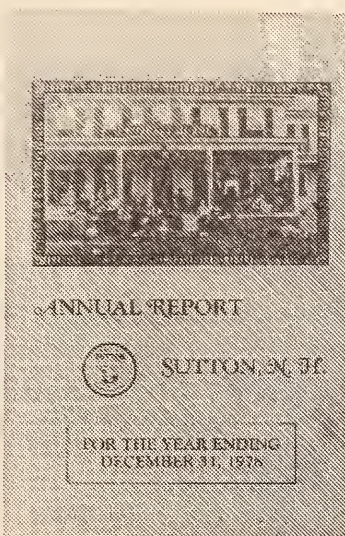
"The effect of the current use assessment continues to erode the tax base in ever increasing amounts."



# REPORT OF TOWN CLERK For Year Ending December 31, 1991

Received for Filing Fees	\$ 4.00
Remitted to Treasurer	4.00
Received for Marriage Licenses	\$ 320.00
Remitted to Treasurer	320.00
Received for UCC's	\$ 433.33
Remitted to Treasurer	433.33
Received for Vital Statistics	\$ 64.00
Remitted to Treasurer	64.00
Received for Title Fees	\$ 476.00
Remitted to Treasurer	476.00
Received for Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 94,904.00
Remitted to Treasurer	94,904.00
Received for Dog Licenses	\$ 1,012.00
Remitted to Treasurer	1,012.00
Received for Dog License Penalties	\$ 50.00
Remitted to Treasurer	50.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol P. Curless  
Town Clerk



**1978:** To appropriate \$2,000 to help support the Sutton Cooperative Preschool (by Petition).

Poll of house re: construction of Incinerator: 123 in favor of incinerator; 1 in favor of transfer station.

Special Meeting, August 1, 1978: Approved supplementary budget \$117,000 to install an incinerator. \$20,300 from Capital Reserve Fund; \$18,000 from 1978 dump appropriation; \$78,700 by notes.

Town Bicentennial Committee: "Celebration" is to be the emphasis as we start to plan our Birthday Party. Year-long celebration.

Incinerator Facility: Construction at the site progressed well and was completed to allow the installation of the incinerator and to make it operational November 15, 1978.

The Recycling Committee held informational hearings to instruct citizens on use of facility. Bumper stickers and ordinance/instruction sheet were distributed.

The Keyser Lake/New London sewage matter finally appeared to be reaching a conclusion; when finally the EPA took the administrative steps to allow a construction grant and thus permit the construction of the New London-Sunapee Interceptor. Finally Sutton would see the removal from Lion Brook of the discharge pipe from the New London sewer plant.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**Summary of Tax Accounts**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1991**

—Dr.—

	1991	Levies Of: Prior
<b>Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 559,717.68
Resident Taxes		2,060.00
Land Use Change Tax		3,015.25
Yield Taxes		3,188.72
Power Profit		457.89
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector:</b>		
Property Taxes	2,051,606.28	
Land Use Change Tax	7,204.40	
Yield Taxes	14,670.00	
Power Profit	636.21	
<b>Overpayments:</b>		
a/c Property Taxes	175.41	391.40
<b>Interest Collected On:</b>		
Delinquent Taxes	448.64	37,135.16
<b>Penalties Collected On:</b>		
Resident Taxes		82.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<u>\$ 2,074,740.94</u>	<u>\$ 606,048.10</u>

—Cr.—

<b>Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$ 1,493,726.09	\$ 556,291.08
Resident Taxes		840.00
Land Use Change Tax	5,829.40	3,015.25
Yield Taxes	9,871.02	2,452.87
Power Profit		457.89
Interest on Taxes	448.64	37,135.16
Penalties on Resident Tax		82.00
<b>Abatements Allowed:</b>		
Property Taxes	1,617.16	3,818.00
Resident Taxes		1,220.00
Land Use Change Tax	1,375.00	
<b>Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	556,093.48	
Yield Taxes	4,798.98	735.85
Power Profit	636.21	
Deeded	344.96	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<u>\$ 2,074,740.94</u>	<u>\$ 606,048.10</u>

# SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1991

—Dr.—

Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies Of:

1990

1989

Prior

Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of Fiscal Year	\$	\$ 137,368.13	\$ 47,517.08
Taxes Sold/Executed to Town During Fiscal Year	184,802.14		
Interest Collected After Sale/Lien Execution	2,217.56	11,607.00	13,920.01
Redemption Cost		1,045.60	349.90
Overpayments	461.92		
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<u>\$ 187,481.62</u>	<u>\$ 150,020.73</u>	<u>\$ 61,786.99</u>

—Cr.—

Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Redemptions	\$ 61,207.98	\$ 73,003.15	\$ 47,145.36
Interest & Cost After Sale	2,217.56	12,652.60	14,269.91
Deeded to Town During Year	419.87	385.96	371.72
Unredeemed Taxes End of Year	123,636.21	63,979.02	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<u>\$ 187,481.62</u>	<u>\$ 150,020.73</u>	<u>\$ 61,786.99</u>

**1979:** Adoption of dog ordinances: makes it unlawful for an owner of any dog licensed or unlicensed to permit a dog to run at large except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, etc.

To help resolve the disposal of sorted-out-waste a series of five covered bins has been constructed with a "stall for three different colors of glass and two types of cans. It is hoped that the sorting of these wastes will enable us to have buyers for them. Not only will the "waste" be removed from the premises and from town, but that we will receive pay for the materials."

Town appropriations: \$304,415.

Kearsarge Regional: \$354,525.

The revaluation of property was voted at the meeting to become a reality in 1981.



**REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER**  
**Town of Sutton, New Hampshire**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1991**

Cash Balance, January 1, 1991 \$ 91,459.80

**TAXES**

**Taxes:**

Property Tax - 1991	\$ 1,493,726.09	
Property Tax - 1990	556,291.08	
Resident Tax - 1990	840.00	
Resident Tax Penalties	82.00	
Interest on Taxes	37,583.80	
Land Use Change Tax	8,884.65	
Tax Sales Redeemed	181,356.49	
Interest, Tax Sales Redeemed	29,140.07	
Yield Tax - 1991	9,871.02	
Yield Tax - 1990	2,452.87	
Power Profit Assessment	<u>457.89</u>	
		\$ 2,320,645.96

**Licenses and Permits:**

Motor Vehicle Permits	94,904.00	
Dog Licenses	1,062.00	
Town Clerk Fees	1,297.33	
Licenses, Permits and Fees	2,237.54	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	594.43	
Planning Board	<u>2,065.34</u>	
		\$ 102,160.64

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE**

**From State of New Hampshire:**

Shared Revenue, Block Grant	35,603.09	
Highway Block Grant	60,732.83	
Forest Land Reimbursement	<u>27.63</u>	
		\$ 96,363.15

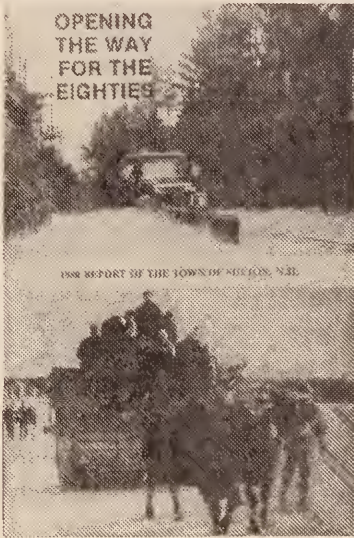
**CHARGES FOR SERVICES**

Police Department	2,396.89	
Solid Waste	<u>3,614.99</u>	
		\$ 6,011.88

**MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE**

**Interest on Investments:**

Certificates of Deposit	19,369.30	
Money Market Account	9,347.48	
NOW Account	<u>2,137.91</u>	
		\$ 30,854.69



**1980:** Changes voted in the Zoning Ordinance and Building Code. Most items passed by a margin of 85 "yes" to 65 "no."

Continued appropriation of \$2,000 for the Sutton Cooperative Preschool Center.

Voted to purchase a highway sweeping brush and a steam cleaner for the Highway Department.

Voted to accept as Town Roads: extension of Meadow Brook Road, all of Winslow Road, all of Crockett Circle.

Adopted regulations in the use of the Incinerator pertaining to the separation of glass by color; and separation of steel from aluminum cans; both kinds to be washed and flattened.

Sutton's snow roller was reconstructed by private efforts, at no cost to the Town. The roller is a curiosity, a leftover from the days when the snow was rolled to make for good sledding rather than by removal by plows.

"Capital Reserve Funds, some long established but with annual additions, address the continuing need to update our needs for equipment and maintenance of physical plant while keeping demand for tax money on an "even keel" by the leveling effect of annual appropriations."

Town appropriations: \$291,460.

Kearsarge Regional: \$390,980.

Insurance Adjustment	2,561.70	
Conservation Fund	597.06	
Town Office Expenses	148.59	
Reimbursement for Fire Department	490.00	
Town Property Sold	1,311.86	
Town Histories	321.50	
Refunds	3,758.18	
Miscellaneous	165.44	
		\$ 9,354.33

#### OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

Tax Anticipation Notes	1,250,000.00	
TANS invested in CD's	898,565.85	
Income from Trust Funds	12,507.43	
Capital Reserve Funds	37,721.21	
Escrow Deposit	7,000.00	
		\$ 2,205,794.49

TOTAL RECEIPTS, INCLUDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 4,862,644.94
Less Cash Disbursements	<u>4,751,885.28</u>

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1991	\$ 110,759.66
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Conservation Commission	\$ 1,077.25
Marshall Waterman Fund	4,059.83

Respectfully submitted,  
William F. Kinnally  
Treasurer

# SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

(Numbers refer to Detailed Statement of Payments  
and Comparative Statement)

## 1. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

a. Town Officers' Salaries (Executive).....	\$	27,542.50
b. Election and Registration .....		1,761.24
c. Town Officers' Expenses (Financial Admin.) .....		63,186.05
d. Revaluation .....		4,563.60
e. Legal Expenses .....		5,153.05
f. Personnel Administration		
(1) FICA.....		16,459.69
(2) ICMA .....		4,434.56
(3) Police Retirement .....		1,647.50
g. Planning and Zoning		
(1) Planning Board .....		2,131.54
(2) Zoning Board .....		1,016.11
h. General Government Buildings		
(1) Maintenance .....		7,617.05
(2) Repairs .....		6,055.00
i. Cemeteries		
(1) General Care .....		6,276.50
(2) Fence Repair .....		4,533.00
j. Insurance		
(1) Insurance and Bonds .....		41,292.06
(2) Unemployment Compensation .....		998.15
k. Advertising - Regional Association .....		887.00
l. Other General Government		
(1) Budget Committee .....		372.45
(2) Audit.....		3,800.00
	\$	<u>199,727.05</u>

## 2. PUBLIC SAFETY:

a. Police .....	\$	43,148.45
c. Fire .....		14,817.40
d. Building Inspection.....		928.67
	\$	<u>58,894.52</u>

## 3. HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:

a. General Expenses, Highway Department .....	\$	2,737.76
b. Town Maintenance (Highways and Streets) .....		218,744.37
c. Bridges (Kings Hollow) .....		2,385.91
d. Street Lighting.....		4,897.02
	\$	<u>228,765.06</u>

## 4. SANITATION:

c. Solid Waste Disposal .....	\$	51,724.57
	\$	<u>51,724.57</u>



**6. HEALTH:**

a. Administration (Health Officer) .....	\$	—0—
c. Health Agencies and Hospitals		
(1) New London Hospital .....		2,000.00
(2) New London Ambulance .....		4,000.00
(3) Bradford Rescue Squad .....		800.00
(4) Sutton Rescue Squad .....		500.00
(5) Lake Sunapee Home Health Care .....		4,210.71
	\$	<u>11,510.71</u>

**8. WELFARE:**

b. Direct Assistance .....	\$	8,460.93
c. Community Action Program .....		2,290.00
e. Sutton Cooperative Preschool (Other Welfare) .....		2,500.00
	\$	<u>13,250.93</u>

**9. CULTURE AND RECREATION:**

a. South Sutton Common (Parks & Recreation) .....	\$	300.00
b. Library (Note: Does not include FICA a/c of Librarian's Salary .....		6,499.56
c. Memorial Day (Patriotic Purposes) .....		400.00
d. Other Culture and Recreation		
(1) Old Store Museum .....		1,100.00
(2) Churches .....		262.50
	\$	<u>8,562.06</u>

**10. CONSERVATION:**

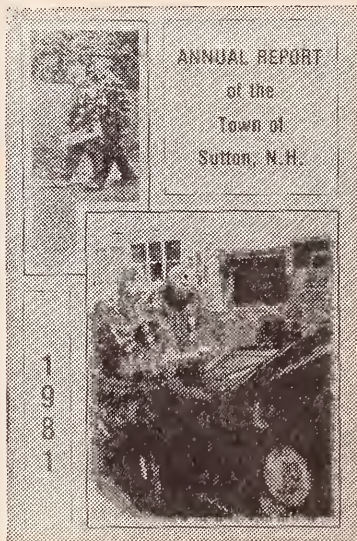
a. Conservation Commission (Administration) .....	\$	597.06
	\$	<u>597.06</u>

**13. DEBT SERVICE:**

a. Principal Long-Term Bonds and Notes		
(1) Capital Improvement Bond .....	\$	100,000.00
(2) Truck Note .....		18,500.00
b. Interest on Long-Term Bonds and Notes		
(1) Capital Improvement Bond .....		27,000.00
(2) Truck Note .....		2,719.76
c. Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes .....		57,645.57
	\$	<u>205,865.33</u>

**14. CAPITAL OUTLAY:**

a. Land and Improvements		
(1) Septage Lagoon .....	\$	12,298.00
b. Machinery, Vehicles and Equipment		
(1) Police Cruiser .....		14,700.00
d. Improvements Other than Buildings		
(1) Paving, Hominy Pot Road .....		16,685.00
(2) Street Signs .....		450.00
(3) Computer Software .....		620.92
	\$	<u>44,753.92</u>



**1981:** Cover picture: Homer Rayno, citizen with Compton French, appraiser, measuring frontage and examining details of the Rayno property.

**A RED LETTER DAY:** January 14, 1981, at 12:40 a.m. the first sewage in the long pipeline from New London reached the treatment plant in Sunapee. At long last the watershed of Keyser Lake is free of the discharged effluent from the New London sewer facility.

To raise \$33,880 to effect the revaluation of all properties in 1981. 67 yes, 31 no.

To purchase a truck for the Highway Department: \$24,842. (\$11,478 from Capital Reserve Fund; \$4,454 from 1981 taxes; notes payable 1982, 1983: \$8,910.)

Authorized Tax Collector to appoint, with approval of Selectmen, a Deputy Tax Collector.

Authorized Town Treasurer to appoint, with approval of Selectmen, a Deputy Treasurer.

Amended regulations for cemeteries raising the price of each grave to \$70.

Restored signs at entrance to Town; the "old" ones reading: "Sutton, Incorporated 1784." With the picture of the Pillsbury Homestead on the sign.

New Law mandating membership of all towns in a Solid Waste Disposal District, the towns to bear the costs of administration of the district.

Town Appropriations: \$352,290.

Kearsarge Regional: \$460,750.

## 15. INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT:

a. Tax Anticipation Notes Payments .....	\$ 1,460,000.00
b. Taxes Bought by Town .....	184,802.14
c. Refunds and Abatements .....	1,157.57
d. Purchase of Certificates of Deposit .....	900,000.00
e. Transfer to Trustees of Trust Funds .....	5,070.36
f. Transfer a/c Bond for Road .....	4,000.00
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	\$ 2,555,030.07

## 16. PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS:

a. County .....	\$ 192,187.00
c. School District .....	1,180,563.00
d. State of New Hampshire .....	454.00
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	\$ 1,373,204.00

**TOTAL PAYMENTS, All Purposes .....** \$ 4,751,885.28

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

#### 1. a. Town Officers' Salaries (Executive):

Appropriation .....	\$ 27,500.00
Payments .....	27,542.50
Overdraft .....	\$ 42.50

#### Payments:

Robert S. Bristol, Selectman	2,100.00
Dianne Burgess, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	126.50
Carol P. Curless, Town Clerk/Tax Collector	16,380.00
Lorna Geggis, Overseer Public Welfare	100.00
Courtney Haase, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	486.00
Thaddeus C. Johnson, Selectman	1,750.00
William E. Kinnally	4,500.00
Roy W. Prince, Selectman	2,100.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS, Town Officers' Salaries ..... \$ 27,542.50

#### 1. b. Election and Registration:

Appropriation .....	\$ 1,600.00
Payments .....	1,761.24
Overdraft .....	\$ 161.24

#### Payments:

Expenses	\$ 1,105.74
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#### SUPERVISORS:

JoAnn Meaney	165.30
Frederick J. Rathbun	121.60
Dorothy Wright	275.50

562.40

#### BALLOT CLERKS:

Linda Bitzer	5.70
Walter Chapin	5.70
Deborah Syvertsen	5.70
Marilyn Thompson	41.80
Betty J. Whittemore	34.20

93.10

TOTAL PAYMENTS, Election and Registration ..... \$ 1,761.24

#### 1. c. Town Officers' Expenses (Financial Administration):

#### OFFICE PERSONNEL:

Betty A. Anderson	5,636.00
Robert S. Bristol	20,280.00
Betsy Forsham	5,736.00

31,652.00

#### ASSOCIATIONS:

Assessing Officials	40.00
Town Clerk's Association	20.00
Tax Collector's Association	65.00
NHMA	515.61
N.H. Resource Recovery	150.00

790.61

#### APPRAISAL:

George W. Bean	4,885.00
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4,885.00



**OFFICERS' EXPENSES:**

Betty A. Anderson	80.88	
Robert S. Bristol	112.38	
Carol P. Curless	259.33	
William Kinnally	697.02	
Workshops, etc.	440.00	
Elizabeth Forsham	42.16	
Marilyn Thompson	16.64	
Roy W. Prince	112.04	
	<hr/>	1,760.45

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Town Report	3,923.00	
Kearsarge Shopper	309.30	
Concord Monitor	8.76	
	<hr/>	4,241.06

**SUPPLIES:**

Office (paper clips, paper, etc.)	892.36	
Reference Books	723.49	
U.S. Postal Service	1,986.55	
Computer Software	1,461.84	
Lorna Geggis (in lieu of salary)	400.00	
Miscellaneous	644.37	
	<hr/>	6,108.61

**SERVICES:**

Merrimack Co. Registry of Deeds	726.47	
DataEast	1,744.73	
Bristol, Sweet & Assoc., Tax Map	192.75	
Yankee Micro-film	362.11	
Plodzic & Sanderson (a/c Trustees)	532.50	
J.J. Marotti (conservation books/pictures)	4,593.00	
Business "Management Systems" training	486.50	
Service Contracts	475.00	
Miscellaneous	110.00	
J.F. Biewener (a/c Trustees)	76.60	
	<hr/>	9,299.66

**HEALTH INSURANCE:**

NH Municipal Health Trust	4,448.66	
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**TOTAL PAYMENTS, Town Officers' Expenses** ..... \$ 63,186.05

**1. d. Revaluation:**

Appropriation .....	\$ 75,043.00
Payments .....	4,563.60
Balance, Carried Forward .....	\$ 70,479.40

**Payments:**

Bristol Sweet & Assoc., Inc.	764.75	
DataEast	27.90	
Kearwood, Inc.	3,633.50	
Merrimack County Tel. Co.	137.45	
	<hr/>	4,563.60

**TOTAL PAYMENTS, Revaluation** ..... \$ 4,563.60

"People  
Serving  
People"



1982  
Annual Report  
of the  
Town of  
SUTTON, N.H.

**1982: Report dedicated to Harold D. Hurd, native son, friend, neighbor, farmer, father, Town Officer, Selectman, 1961-1976.**

*Aftermath of the revaluation: At the post appraisal hearings (chance for taxpayers to have free, personal interview with the appraiser of his property), only 69 people came to the hearings. This is 5.3 percent of all taxpayers; the DRA expects 8-10 percent of taxpayers to come to these hearings.*

*The Adjusted Elderly Exemption provision was adopted by the Town.*

*The so-called Rock Concert Ordinance was adopted by the Selectmen, June 30, 1982. This ordinance requires a permit from the Selectmen for an assemblage of 150 people or more.*

*Zoning amendment adopted to allow "cluster development."*

*Zoning amendment allows two-family dwellings in the Residential District.*

*Mobile home parks and mobile home subdivisions allowed.*

*Town appropriations: \$356,000.*

*Kearsarge Regional: \$403,550.*

*The utility tractor with loader/mower were purchased for the Highway Department.*

*Insulation was put in the ceiling of the Highway Garage and insulation installed in the Library building.*

#### 1. e. Legal Expenses:

Appropriation .....	\$	8,000.00
Payments .....		5,153.05
Balance .....	\$	2,846.95
Payments:		
Legal Services .....		<u>5,153.05</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Legal Expenses .....	\$	5,153.05

#### 1. f. Personnel Administration:

##### (1) FICA:

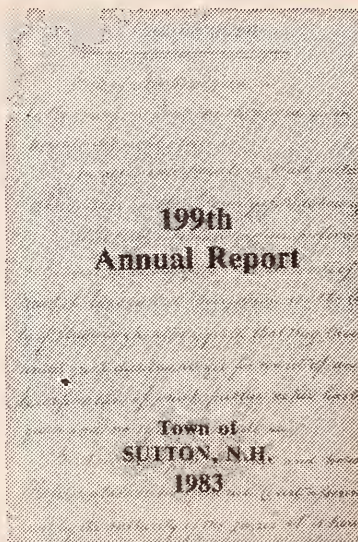
Appropriation .....	\$	18,000.00
Payments .....		16,459.69
Balance .....	\$	1,540.31
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Town's Share FICA .....	\$	16,459.69

##### (2) ICMA:

Appropriation .....	\$	4,482.00
Payments .....		4,434.56
Balance .....	\$	47.44
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Town's Share ICMA .....	\$	4,434.56

##### (3) Police Retirement:

Appropriation .....	\$	1,658.00
Payments .....		1,647.50
Balance .....	\$	10.50
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Town's Share Police Retirement .....	\$	1,647.50



**1983: The 199th Annual Report.**

Historical pictures and excerpts from ancient Town records are featured in this report in preparation for the gala 200th birthday celebration in 1984.

In 1983 there was Tax Rate shock, a 25% increase. The Town's share increased enormously, 24%; when we voted to purchase four major pieces of expensive equipment to equip the Highway Department and the Police Department. Grader: \$75,895; Truck, Highway: \$30,000; Sander: \$8,000; Police Cruiser: \$11,000.

An ordinance re: control of electronic amusement devices was considered. After public hearings, it was deemed not advisable to adopt the ordinance.

Old Highway subsidies (TRA, Duncan, etc.) wiped out and replaced by "Highway Block Grant." At Town meeting time we expected to receive \$54,595; we actually received, under the new system: \$49,610. The new "system" (Block Grant) simply allows the use of this money to offset the Town's Highway Department appro-

priation. No reports are required to the N.H. Department of Transportation, and there is NO supervision by them.

Town appropriations: \$440,180

Kearsarge Regional: \$465,250

13,045 acres in Current Use Assessment or 47% of the total area of the Town.

Kezar Lake—it is not clear what effect the chemical treatment of June 1983 had in relation to the improved transparency of the water for the summer. The evidence suggests a trend of improvement—.

**1. g. Planning and Zoning:**

**(1) Planning Board:**

Appropriation .....	\$	3,000.00
Payments .....		2,131.54
Balance .....	\$	868.46
Payments:		
Susan R. Uhl		100.30
Central N.H. Regional Planning Comm.		60.00
Merrimack Co. Registry of Deeds		125.58
Robert S. Bristol		60.00
Naia Florence		132.91
Shelly Burdette		9.95
Adam Ritscher		383.60
Inherit N.H.		35.00
Daniel Sundquist		438.32
Sara Denz		23.90
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		1,369.56
SECRETARIAL:		
Shelly Burdette		186.00
Sara Denz		172.00
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		358.00
PRINTING/NOTICES:		
Concord Monitor		201.48
Argus-Champion		139.50
Kearsarge Shopper		63.00
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		403.98
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Planning Board .....	\$	2,131.54



<b>(2) Zoning Board of Adjustment:</b>		
Appropriation .....	\$	1,500.00
Payments .....		1,016.11
Balance .....	\$	483.89
Payments:		
Secretarial Services	297.50	
Expenses	493.36	
Notices	<u>225.25</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	\$	1,016.11

**1. h. General Government Buildings:**

<b>(1) Town Hall Maintenance:</b>		
Appropriation .....	\$	8,000.00
Payments .....		7,617.05
Balance .....		382.95
Payments:		
CUSTODIAN:		
Susan Maddox	<u>1,695.00</u>	
		1,695.00
Repairs and Supplies	423.55	
Fuel	1,740.84	
Electricity	738.50	
Telephone	985.24	
LP Gas	<u>90.12</u>	
		3,978.25
Painting, etc.	<u>1,943.80</u>	
		<u>1,943.80</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Town Hall Maintenance .....	\$	7,617.05

<b>(2) Town Hall Repairs:</b>		
Appropriation .....	\$	6,055.00
Payments .....		7,998.80
Overdraft Transferred to Town Hall Maintenance .....	\$	1,943.80
Payments:		
Robert Blank	502.80	
D.B. Kittridge	2,660.00	
G.A. Leon	1,125.00	
Kearsarge Shopper	33.00	
Lake Sunapee Painting	300.00	
Nulli Secundus	<u>3,378.00</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Town Hall Repairs .....	\$	7,998.80

**1. i. Cemeteries:**

<b>(1) General Care:</b>		
Appropriation .....	\$	6,500.00
Payments .....		6,276.50
Balance .....	\$	223.50
Payments:		
MAINTENANCE:		
Ronald S. Palmer & Sons	<u>5,702.50</u>	
		5,702.50

**REPAIRS:**

Ronald S. Palmer & Sons	515.00	
		515.00

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Bristol, Sweet & Associates	27.50	
Kearsarge Shopper	31.50	
		59.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS, General Care .....	\$	6,276.50
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**(2) Fence Repair:**

Appropriation .....	\$	6,000.00
Payments .....		4,533.00
Balance .....	\$	1,467.00

**Payments:**

Lake Sunapee Painting Co.	4,500.00
Kearsarge Shopper	33.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS, Fence Repair .....	\$	4,533.00
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**1. j. Insurance:****(1) Insurance and Bonds:**

Appropriation .....	\$	51,570.00
Payments .....		41,292.06
Balance .....	\$	10,277.94

**Payments:**

Bonds	1,356.00
Public Officials Liability	3,000.00
Property/Liability (NHMA Trust)	18,234.00
Worker's Comp. (NHMA Fund)	18,702.06

TOTAL PAYMENTS, Insurance and Bonds .....	\$	41,292.06
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**(2) Unemployment Compensation:**

Appropriation .....	\$	1,350.00
Payments .....		998.15
Balance .....	\$	351.85

**Payments:**

NHMA Compensation Fund	998.15
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TOTAL PAYMENTS, Unemployment Compensation .....	\$	998.15
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**1. k. Advertising/Regional Associations:**

Appropriation .....	\$	887.00
Payments .....		887.00
Balance .....	\$	00.00

**Payments:**

Regional Planning Commission	887.00
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TOTAL PAYMENTS, Advertising/Regional Associations .....	\$	887.00
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**1. l. Other General Government:****(1) Budget Committee:**

Appropriation .....	\$	450.00
Payments .....		372.45
Balance .....	\$	77.55

Payments:		
Secretarial	309.95	
Expenses	<u>62.50</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Budget Committee .....	\$	372.45

**(2) Audit:**

Appropriation .....	\$	3,800.00
Payments .....		3,800.00
Balance .....	\$	00.00
Payments:		
Plodzik & Sanderson	<u>3,800.00</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Audit .....	\$	3,800.00

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

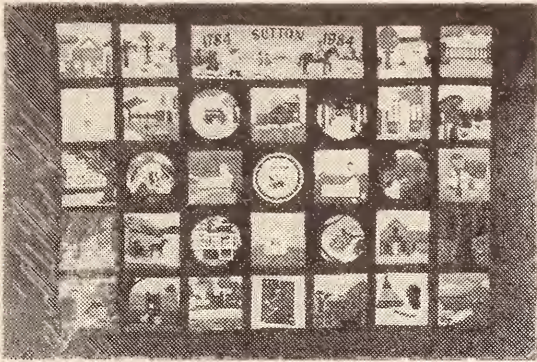
**2. a. Police Department:**

Appropriation .....	\$	49,000.00
Payments .....		43,148.45
Balance .....	\$	5,851.55

Payments:

**OFFICERS' WAGES:**

Russell Bailey	2,288.25	
Ginger M. Cloutier	2,447.65	
John R. Lambert	26,784.66	
John P. Simonds	1,139.50	
George Tichy	<u>36.00</u>	
		32,696.06



**1984: The 200th Report:** 1984 - intended to be a year of *CELEBRATION* - it was; anticipated to be a joyous occasion - it was; supposed to be the focus of years' joining together of all hands in Town to rejoice - it was. The Bicentennial year was all of these things and more.

*The Annual Report is dedicated to the citizens of the Town—all of us—for contributing and participating in the CELEBRATION—living history and making history live. It is dedicated to*

*say THANK YOU to everyone. We celebrated, folks, we really did!*

*This Annual Report is an album, or scrap book of the Bicentennial. It is not a complete collection, but a sampling of the events, through pictures, programs and notices, to make a record of the year.*

*This Annual Report bears the picture of the Bicentennial quilt on the cover, because it represents the Town and because the townspeople are proud of the quilt.*

*After the "Rate Shock" of 1983, there was a significant decline (7%) in the tax rate. The Town's appropriations leveled off, but the County increased 8% and the schools a whopping 14%.*

*Two new furnaces were installed in the Town Hall. Paid for out of Capital Reserve Fund.*

*Current Use records were computerized. The idea for this program originated in this office, and the computer center has been able to sell the plan to other towns.*

*Town appropriations: \$442,160.*

*Kearsarge Regional: \$530,490.*



Services	4,079.02	
Telephone	1,685.95	
Dog Expenses	50.00	
Supplies/Equipment	1,385.20	
Auto	3,216.22	
Special Duty	36.00	
		10,452.39
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Police Department .....		\$ 43,148.45
<b>2. c. Fire Department:</b>		
Appropriation .....		\$ 14,750.00
Payments .....		14,817.40
Overdraft .....		\$ 67.40
Payments:		
Telephone	2,101.28	
Electricity	704.33	
Fuel Oil	777.79	
LP Gas	221.51	
		3,804.91
<b>SUPPLIES:</b>		
Goldstar Chemical	661.35	
Intercontinental Lab	420.52	
Vernondale Store	356.28	
Ossipee Mt. Electronics	110.30	
Sutton Automotive	495.67	
New London Texaco	483.50	
NH Fire-Safety Equipment	100.50	
R & R Communications	181.90	
Central Supply	410.00	
"Access"	82.00	
Middlesex Equipment	6.88	
Ben's Uniforms	301.88	
Fire Service Institute	2,500.00	
N.H. Fire Standards & Training	230.00	
Fire Control Service	4,372.95	
Ross Industries	38.01	
Brown Heating	100.00	
Fire Department Repay	160.75	
		11,012.49
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Fire Department .....		\$ 14,817.40
<b>2. d. Building Inspection:</b>		
Appropriation .....		\$ 1,000.00
Payments .....		928.67
Balance .....		\$ 71.33
Payments:		
William J. Eachus, Building Inspector	286.67	
Wayne Grover, Building Inspector	642.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Building Inspection.....		\$ 928.67
<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:</b>		
<b>3. a. General Expenses, Highway Department:</b>		
Appropriation .....		\$ 5,600.00
Payments .....		2,737.76
Balance .....		\$ 2,862.24

# Town of Sutton, N.H.



Annual Reports for 1985

**1985:** The new fire truck was delivered May 11, delivered cost \$95,000. The original contract price was \$84,500.

"Fall Out" from the Bicentennial year: The Bicentennial quilt was installed in a specially constructed case on the rear wall of the Town Hall. New chandeliers, Victorian in style, placed in the main hall. The Wagon Train from Sutton, Massachusetts made its one-hundred-mile trek in August 1985; it had been planned for 1984.

Capital Reserve Fund for Revaluation to be set aside for a tentative town-wide revaluation in 1991. There is no specific number of years between each complete review of assessments; generally, it is anywhere from seven to ten years. Our last one was in 1981.

Solid Waste Facility Study Committee recommends that funds be included in 1986 Town budget to cover cost of hydrogeologic investigations, installation of our permanent monitoring wells, a topographic survey, water sampling and analysis to make a comprehensive report to the State.

## Payments:

Maintenance/Supplies	303.03
Freight	142.44
Fuel	920.92
Electricity	594.74
Telephone	712.45
LP Gas	64.18

TOTAL PAYMENTS, General Expenses, Highway Department . \$ 2,737.76

## 3. b. Town Maintenance (Highways and Streets):

Appropriation .....	\$ 224,310.00
Receipts (Insurance Adjustment) .....	2,561.70
Total Available .....	\$ 226,871.70
Payments .....	218,744.37
Balance .....	\$ 8,127.33

## Payments:

### EMPLOYEES:

David R. Benedict	24,374.63
George H. Hosmer, Jr.	28,711.13
Paul B. Parker	22,322.05
Dennis C. Stevens	22,723.10

98,130.91

## OTHER EXPENSES:

Mileage	1,213.80
Insurance	17,969.56
Fuel	6,607.72
Equipment Rental	21,719.21
Sand/Gravel	13,719.79
Asphalt Products	16,409.42
Tires	1,575.00
Services	2,240.40
Materials/Supplies	19,598.46
Repairs/Parts	19,560.10

120,613.56

TOTAL PAYMENTS, Town Maintenance ..... \$ 218,744.37



**1986: Theme of Report:** "The Best of Times, The Worst of Times." Lower interest rates and national economy creating housing and industrial development, expanding the local property tax base. Yet, these forces change the face, life styles and values of our Town.

Building permit denied for apartment house in old Follansbee Inn building on the lake shore. The property was acquired by a family who had the building demolished and built a dwelling on the site.

Cemetery Commissioners required by RSA 31:22. This new board was created so that all trust funds for the care of cemeteries shall be administered by this Board of Trustees.

\$12,000 appropriated for hiring a "general office manager" to assist the Selectmen.

Voted to discontinue "Dr. Lane Road."

Proposal for remodeling the Town Hall to provide two offices in the basement, plus an all-purpose room, and provide handicapped access at cost of \$50,000. 90 "yes," 20 "no."

\$35,000 to purchase shovel-loader for Highway the Department (net cost after trade-in). Adopted by voice vote.

Monitoring wells hydrogeologic investigations at Solid Waste Facility voted favorably: \$10,500.

### 3. c. Bridges (King's Hollow):

Appropriation .....	\$	3,500.00
Payments .....		2,385.91
Balance .....	\$	1,114.09

#### Payments:

A & B. Lbr.	252.89
Lumber Barn	310.66
R.P. Johnson & Son	1,729.07
Standard Nut & Bolt	83.29

TOTAL PAYMENTS, Bridges ..... \$ 2,385.91

### 3. d. Street Lighting:

Appropriation .....	\$	6,000.00
Payments .....		4,897.02
Balance .....	\$	1,102.98

#### Payments:

Public Service Company of N.H.	4,897.02
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TOTAL PAYMENTS, Street Lighting..... \$ 4,897.02

## SANITATION:

### 4. c. Solid Waste Disposal:

Appropriation .....	\$	47,600.00
Payments .....		51,724.57
Overdraft .....	\$	4,124.57

#### Payments:

#### EMPLOYEES' WAGES

Clifford L. Allen	8,253.75
Edward J. Butler	9,830.25



Patrick Doherty	173.25	
Herman L. Foster	9,000.00	
Raymond D. Hunter	71.50	
Dave Smith	189.75	
		27,518.50
<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>		
Dumpster	12,830.00	
Supplies	362.66	
Repairs	3,617.11	
Services	686.36	
Hazardous Waste Collection	700.00	
New Equipment (steps)	335.00	
		18,531.13
<b>UTILITIES:</b>		
Fuel	3,658.49	
Electricity	1,733.04	
Telephone	283.41	
		5,674.94
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Solid Waste Disposal .....	\$	51,724.57

#### HEALTH:

##### 6. c. Health Department:

Appropriations .....	\$	150.00
Payments .....		00.00
Balance .....	\$	150.00

##### (1) New London Hospital:

Appropriation .....	\$	2,000.00
Payments .....		2,000.00
Balance .....	\$	00.00

##### Payments:

New London Hospital	2,000.00
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TOTAL PAYMENTS, New London Hospital .....	\$	2,000.00
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##### (2) New London Ambulance Service:

Appropriation .....	\$	4,000.00
Payments .....		4,000.00
Balance .....	\$	00.00

##### Payments:

New London Ambulance Service	4,000.00
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TOTAL PAYMENTS, New London Ambulance Service .....	\$	4,000.00
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##### (3) Bradford Rescue Squad:

Appropriation .....	\$	800.00
Payments .....		800.00
Balance .....	\$	00.00

##### Payments:

Bradford Rescue Squad	800.00
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TOTAL PAYMENTS, Bradford Rescue Squad .....	\$	800.00
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<b>(4) Sutton Rescue Squad:</b>		
Appropriation .....	\$	500.00
Payments .....		500.00
Balance .....	\$	00.00
Payments:		
Sutton Rescue Squad .....		<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Sutton Rescue Squad .....	\$	500.00

<b>(5) Lake Sunapee Home Health Care:</b>		
Appropriation .....	\$	4,210.71
Payments .....		4,210.71
Balance .....	\$	00.00
Payments:		
Lake Sunapee Home Health Care .....		<u>4,210.71</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Lake Sunapee Home Health Care .....	\$	4,210.71

#### **WELFARE:**

<b>8. b. Direct Assistance:</b>		
Appropriation .....	\$	3,000.00
Payments .....		8,460.93
Overdraft .....	\$	3,460.93
Payments:		
Direct Assistance .....		<u>8,460.93</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Direct Assistance .....	\$	8,460.93

<b>8. c. Community Action Program:</b>		
Appropriation .....	\$	2,280.00
Payments .....		2,290.00
Overdraft .....	\$	10.00
Payments:		
Community Action Program .....		<u>2,290.00</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Community Action Program .....	\$	2,290.00

<b>8. e. Sutton Cooperative Preschool:</b>		
Appropriation .....	\$	2,500.00
Payments .....		2,500.00
Balance .....	\$	00.00
Payments:		
Sutton Cooperative Preschool .....		<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Sutton Cooperative Preschool .....	\$	2,500.00

#### **CULTURE AND RECREATION:**

<b>9. a. South Sutton Common:</b>		
Appropriation .....	\$	300.00
Payments .....		300.00
Balance .....	\$	00.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS, South Sutton Common .....	\$	300.00

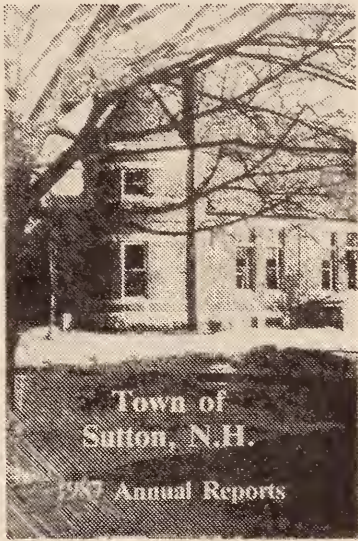
<b>9. b. Library:</b>		
Appropriation .....	\$	7,000.00
Payments .....		6,841.06
Balance .....	\$	158.94

Payments:		
Librarian	4,499.56	
a/c FICA, Librarian	341.50	
Appropriation to Trustees	2,000.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Library		\$ 6,841.06
(Balance due library \$156.22)		

9. c. Memorial Day:		
Appropriation	\$	400.00
Payments		400.00
Balance	\$	00.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Memorial Day	\$	400.00

9. d. Other Culture and Recreation:		
(1) Old Store Museum:		
Appropriation	\$	1,100.00
Payments		1,100.00
Balance	\$	00.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Old Store Museum	\$	1,100.00

(2) Churches, a/c Nelson Fund:		
Appropriation	\$	263.00
Payments		262.50
Balance	\$	.50
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Churches, a/c Nelson Fund	\$	262.50



1987: Town Report dedicated with love and respect to George H. Hosmer for his long service to the Town, dedication to duty and fairness. His life is a model worthy to be followed.

Proposal for construction of addition to the Town Hall, and remodeling of the basement, total cost \$295,000. 90 "yes," 129 "no." The previous article in 1986 had not been acted upon and was terminated by the vote of this article.

Voted: \$18,000 for "shimming" North Road; \$50,000 for application of asphalt to Kearsarge Valley Road; \$41,000 to purchase a backhoe; \$7,600 for continuation of plan to protect groundwater at the Solid Waste Facility.

Voted to have the Town books audited by a professional auditing firm: \$3,500.

Voted to replace tax sale to private individuals for non-payment of property taxes on real estate with a real estate lien procedure under which only a municipality where the property is located may acquire a tax lien. 131 "yes," 2 "no."

Article by Petition to elect member of the Planning Board defeated: 62 "no," 57 "yes,"

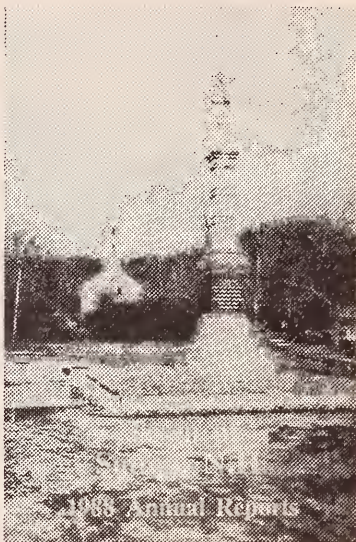
Penacook Road declared a Scenic Road.

Town voted not to accept "Cottage Lane" as a Town Road.

Voted to authorize the Planning Board to prepare a program of municipal improvement projects.

1987 Town Report placed first in annual report contest sponsored by N.H. Municipal Association. This is the first year for a report contest since they were discontinued years ago.





**1988:** Four Town Officers recognized for dedicated service in their Town; they have made a gift of a combined total of more than 175 years. These townspeople exemplify the best tradition of loyal volunteer works in municipal affairs. Irene C. Davis, Treasurer and other; Darrel Palmer, Selectman and other; Earl A. Rowe, Fire Chief, Cemetery Commissioner; Carroll "Pete" L. Thompson, Fire Chief and other.

*Cable Television Franchise:* after review of three proposals for cable franchises, the Board voted June 26 to award the main franchise to MCT Communications.

*Second floor Round Room* made habitable for an office at a cost of \$5,590. This is the very "boiled down" version of plans that have been made for office space and which the Town has turned down again and again.

1988 Town Report placed third in a tie in the NHMA Report contest.

Two furnaces replaced in Town garage: \$9,000; \$55,000 for FWD truck for Highway Department; \$50,000 for improvements to Shaker Street; \$39,000 for shimming and overlaying asphalt on Main Street.

## CONSERVATION:

### 10. a. Conservation Commission:

Withdrawn Conservation Fund .....	\$	597.06
Payments:		
Kearwood, Inc. ....	571.06	
Society Protection of N.H. Forests .....	<u>26.00</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Conservation Commission .....	\$	597.06

## DEBT SERVICE:

### 13. a. Principal Long-Term Bonds and Notes:

#### (1) Capital Improvement Bond:

Appropriation .....	\$	100,000.00
Payments .....		100,000.00
Balance .....	\$	00.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Capital Improvement Bond .....	\$	100,000.00

#### (2) Truck Note:

Appropriation .....	\$	18,500.00
Payments .....		18,500.00
Balance .....	\$	00.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Truck Note .....	\$	18,500.00

### 13. b. Interest on Long-Term Bonds and Notes:

#### (1) Capital Improvement Bond:

Appropriation .....	\$	27,000.00
Payments .....		27,000.00
Balance .....	\$	00.00
Payments:		

    N.H. Bond Bank .....

27,000.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS, Interest, Capital Improvement Bond .....	\$	27,000.00
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**(2) Truck Note:**

Appropriation .....	\$	2,720.00
Payments .....		2,719.76
Balance .....	\$	.24
Payments:		
BankEast .....		<u>2,719.76</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Interest, Truck Note .....	\$	2,719.76

**13. c. Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes:**

Appropriation .....	\$	76,000.00
Payments .....		57,645.57
Balance .....	\$	18,354.43
Payments:		
BankEast .....		<u>57,645.57</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes .....	\$	57,645.57

**CAPITAL OUTLAY:****14. a. Land and Improvements:****(1) Septage Lagoon:**

Appropriation .....	\$	10,000.00
Balance 1990 Appropriation .....		2,961.20
Total Available .....	\$	12,961.20
Payments .....		12,298.00
Balance .....	\$	663.20
Payments:		
Bristol, Sweet & Associates, Inc. ....		1,825.50
R.H.M. Construction Co. ....		<u>10,472.50</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Septage Lagoon .....	\$	12,298.00

**14. b. Machinery, Vehicles and Equipment:****(1) Police Cruiser:**

Appropriation .....	\$	14,700.00
Payments .....		14,700.00
Balance .....	\$	00.00
Payments:		
Irwin Motors .....		13,403.00
Ossipee Electronics .....		1,121.87
Paint 'n' Place .....		<u>175.13</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Police Cruiser .....	\$	14,700.00

**14. d. Improvements Other Than Buildings:****(1) Paving, Hominy Pot Road:**

Appropriation .....	\$	16,685.00
Payments .....		16,685.00
Balance .....	\$	00.00
Payments:		
Pike Industries .....		<u>16,685.00</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Paving, Hominy Pot Road .....	\$	16,685.00

**(2) Street Signs:**

Continuing Appropriation (Article 10, 1990) .....	\$	1,800.00
Payments .....		450.00
Balance .....	\$	1,350.00



Town of  
Sutton, N.H.

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**1989:** A petition for reassessment was brought before the State Board of Tax and Land Appeals and was the subject of a public hearing, July 19, 1989. After mental and verbal gyrations on both sides, it all resulted in our being at the point of beginning: the reassessment that the Selectmen wanted, and for which they had made arrangements, is to take place in the year for which is originally scheduled.

Voted \$55,000 for purchase of truck for Highway Department (\$37,000) in notes; \$4,000 for glass crusher at Solid Waste Facility; \$20,000 for shimming North Road; \$20,000 improvements at Keyser Street.

Veterans' Service credits expanded from \$50 to \$100; those qualifying for a service-connected disability from \$700 to \$1,400.

No vote on motion to accept a road in subdivision known as "Shaker Heights" on Shaker Street.

Funds for FAST Squad and Fire Department, monies from two estates placed in custody of Trustees of Trust Funds. FAST Squad may draw interest and principal from their fund at will. The Fire Department may draw interest from their fund at their request; and principal, after a one-month notice of a meeting, by a 2/3 vote of the membership.

**Payments:**

Kevin Walker	450.00	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS, Street Signs</b>		<b>\$ 450.00</b>

**(3) Computer Software:**

Continuing Appropriation	\$ 616.91
Payments	620.92
Overdraft	\$ 4.01

**Payments:**

Bankers Leasing Corp.	620.92	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS, Computer Software</b>		<b>\$ 620.92</b>

**INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT:**

**15. a. Tax Anticipation Notes**

Payments	1,460,000.00	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS, Tax Anticipation Notes</b>		<b>\$1,460,000.00</b>

**15. b. Taxes Bought by Town:**

Payments	184,802.14	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS, Taxes Bought by Town</b>		<b>\$ 184,802.14</b>

**15. c. Refunds and Abatements:**

**Refunds:**

Steve Hagopian	160.00
Burton Hersh	30.00
Roger Landry	71.00
Thomas Niles	94.18
Steven & Diane Punderson	20.00
Carol Rowe	277.22
Dennis Stevens	10.00



Wade Walker	453.92	
Welfare Case #91 (overpayment)	27.80	
Robert Zock, Jr.	<u>13.45</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Refunds and Abatements .....		\$ 1,157.57

**15. d. Purchase of Certificates of Deposit:**

Payments	<u>900,000.00</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Purchase of Certificates of Deposit .....		\$ 900,000.00

**15. e. Transfers to Trustees of Trust Funds:**

Payments	<u>5,070.36</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Transfers to Trustees of Trust Funds ....		\$ 5,070.36

**15. f. Transfer a/c Bond for Road:**

Payments	<u>4,000.00</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS, Transfer a/c Bond for Road .....		\$ 4,000.00

**PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS:**

**16. a. County:**

County Tax Assessed .....		\$ 192,187.00
Payments .....		192,187.00
Balance .....		\$ 00.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS, County .....		\$ 192,187.00

**16. c. School District:**

Liability to School District Beginning of Year .....		\$ 489,185.00
School Assessment for Current Year .....		1,382,755.00
Total Liability for Current Year .....		\$1,871,940.00
Payments Made to School District .....		1,180,563.00
Liability to School District at 12/31/91 .....		<u>\$ 691,377.00</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS, School District .....		\$1,180,563.00

**16. d. State of New Hampshire:**

State Tax Assessed .....		\$ 454.00
Payments .....		454.00
Balance .....		\$ 00.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS, State of New Hampshire .....		\$ 454.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS, All Purposes .....		<b>\$4,751,885.28</b>
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DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND List first three trusts invested in a common trust fund	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED Whether bank, deposits, stocks, bonds, etc. (If Common trust, so state)	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year	
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	INCOME DURING YEAR		Expended During Year		Balance End Year
									Percent	Amount			
Various	226 Cemetery Trusts	Perpetual Care	Bank Deposits (Common Trusts)	39,760 81				39,760 81	485 99	5,236 51	4,000 00	1,722 50	41,483 31
	<u>LIBRARY TRUSTS</u>												
1971	Grace P. Nelson	Library	Bank Deposits	48,560 10				48,560 10		3,908 93	3,579 14	329 79	48,889 89
1974	John Pressey	"	" "	1,000 00				1,000 00		77 97	71 39	6 58	1,006 58
1974	Orin Nelson	"	" "	1,000 00				1,000 00		77 97	71 39	6 58	1,006 58
1974	Lewis Richards	"	" "	300 00				300 00		23 39	21 41	1 98	301 98
1974	Douglas Anderson	"	" "	1,000 00				1,000 00		75 59	35 70	39 89	1,039 89
1988	Fannie B. Wadleigh	Library Books	" "	4,168 21				4,168 21	137 86	315 07	452 93		4,168 21
1988	Ada P. Anderson	Library	" "	3,000 00				3,000 00	75 08	232 00	166 34	140 74	3,140 74
	<u>TOTAL LIBRARY TRUSTS</u>			59,028 31				59,028 31	212 94	4,710 92	4,398 30	525 56	59,553 87
	<u>OTHER TRUSTS</u>												
1916	Orin Nelson	Worthy Poor	Bank Deposits	1,085 00				1,085 00	1,425 83	186 84	200 00	1,412 67	2,497 67
1930	John Eaton	Schools	" "	500 00				500 00	456 91	75 73		532 64	1,032 64
1909	Mary Eaton	Schools	" "	150 00				150 00	110 36	20 33		130 69	280 69
1944	Fred E. Nelson	Town Fund	" "	2,500 00				2,500 00	1,393 69	329 98		1,723 67	4,223 67
1966	Helena M. Wells	Old Store Museum	" "	10,118 25				10,118 25	2,842 79	1,168 42	1,100 00	2,911 21	13,029 46
1961	Fred E. Nelson	Town Purposes (Ch-Lib-Sch)	" "	5,000 00				5,000 00	2,155 34	623 10	262 50	2,515 94	7,515 94
1989	F.A.S.T. Squad	Rescue Squad Support	" "	9,724 12				9,724 12	689 95	712 14	1,102 55	299 54	10,023 66
1990	Sutton Fire Department	Fire Department Support	" "	20,540 73				20,540 73	1,769 20	1,632 23		3,401 43	23,942 16
	<u>TOTAL OTHER TRUSTS</u>			49,618 10				49,618 10	10,844 07	4,748 77	2,665 05	12,927 79	62,545 89





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February 22, 1991

To the Members of  
the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Sutton  
Sutton, New Hampshire

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Sutton for the year ended December 31, 1990 and have issued our report thereon dated February 22, 1991. In connection with our audit, we reviewed and tested the Town's systems of internal accounting control and operating procedures to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the systems as required by generally accepted auditing standards. The purpose of our review of these systems was not to express an opinion on internal accounting control, and it would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system.

In the following paragraphs, we present our comments and recommendations for improving specific aspects of the Town's systems and procedures. We also refer you to the Appendix to this letter which explains the purpose of our review, its limitations, and the professional standards involved.

**GENERAL**

Typically, a report of this type places a greater emphasis on findings of a critical nature. Therefore, to put our comments and recommendations in proper perspective, it should be noted that the weaknesses observed are not necessarily the result of poor management. Oftentimes, they are due to factors outside the control of the Town's personnel, such as organizational restrictions, budgetary limitations, or inadequate software systems. We have noted many positive aspects of the Town's financial management and procedures which are not set forth in this report.

**MANUAL RECORDS VS. AUTOMATION**

We have observed an almost total abandonment of the Town's computer system. Under present circumstances, we do not find fault in this decision. We are, however, uncomfortable that, at this time, the Town is unable to utilize these resources. We recommend that the following alternatives be considered:

1. Obtain additional training in the use of the present system.
2. Modify the current chart of account to accommodate the "cash basis" accounting system, rather than the "full accrual" general ledger system. To this extent utilized, the system will primarily take the place of the Selectmen's book, calculate payroll, and print checks in one operation.
3. Abandon, for the time being, any computerization for the Selectmen records and concentrate on the automation of the Tax Collector and Town Clerk records.
4. Both alternatives 2 and 3 mentioned above could be done simultaneously with or without purchasing another computer terminal. However, this may require the Tax Collector/Town Clerk to spend more hours at the Town Hall.
5. The last alternative, however not a favorable one, would be to sell the present system.

## TRUST FUNDS

During our audit of the Trust Funds, we found the following deficiencies:

1. State required financial reports (Forms MS-9 and MS-10) were not prepared in a timely manner.
2. Some bank statements were not initially made available and auditors' bank confirmations were not signed and delivered to the primary banking institutions.
3. No documentation or audit trail was seen to support the amount of interest earned on certificates of deposit during the year.
4. It is unknown whether a Trust Fund ledger has ever been used for record-keeping.

Unfortunately, our audit of the Trust Funds took much longer than anticipated. We did not receive certain statements until well after the rest of the audit was complete. In addition, because of the lack of audit trail for interest income, we had to analyze activities in greater detail in order to formulate our opinion in the correctness of reported amounts.

We recommend that the Trustees retain 1099-INT forms for their records and maintain a Trust Fund ledger if one is not presently being used. In addition, we would recommend that December interest not be excluded from trust reports in order to obtain a proper year-end cutoff.

In addition to the above, it had been brought to our attention that the Trustees of Trust Funds had not filed the required documents with the Attorney General's Office. If needed, we recommend that the Trustees seek appropriate assistance for the preparation of these reports. We would be pleased to provide the Trustees with this support.

What has transpired concerning the Trustees of Trust Funds in the last few months is unsettling. However, at this juncture, it is the responsibility of the Selectmen to appoint new and capable Trustees for the rest of the term(s). After this transpires, we would be pleased to meet with the new Trustees to review accounting and financial reporting requirements with them.

## PAYROLL

1. During our testing of accounting controls and procedures regarding payroll, we noted that pay rates were not formally approved during the year, except within the bounds of budgetary line items.

We recommend that a master pay rate sheet be prepared which shall include all employees and their rate of pay, and be formally approved by the Board of Selectmen. Any increase in pay should be noted and properly initialed on this master.

2. A recent payroll audit disclosed that the Town was lacking general employee files. We concur with this finding and would be pleased to assist the Town with the development of these records, if needed.

In closing, we would like to express our appreciation to those persons whose cooperation and assistance during the course of our audit have helped us to achieve efficiencies in completing our audit.

After you have reviewed our report, we would be pleased to meet with you to discuss any questions that you might have.

Very truly yours,



PLODZIK & SANDERSON  
Professional Association

TOWN OF SUTTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS OF REVIEW

The purpose of our study and evaluation was to determine the nature, timing and extent of the auditing procedures necessary for expressing an opinion on the Town's financial statements. Our study and evaluation was more limited than would be necessary to express an opinion on the system of internal accounting control taken as a whole.

The management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting control. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control procedures. The objectives of a system are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of inherent limitations in any system of internal accounting control, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluation made for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph would not necessarily disclose all material weaknesses in the system. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the system of internal accounting control of the Town taken as a whole. However, our study and evaluation disclosed conditions that we believe result in more than a relatively low risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements of the Town may occur and not be detected within a timely period.

These conditions are described in the preceding report and were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the audit tests to be applied in our audit of the 1990 financial statements. This report does not affect our report on these financial statements dated February 22, 1991.

The preceding report is intended solely for the use of management and should not be used for any other purpose. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report which, upon acceptance by the Members of the Board, is a matter of public record.



**BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N.H.**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1991**

<b>Date of Birth</b> <b>Place of Birth</b>	<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Name of Father</b> <b>Maiden Name of Mother</b>
January 5, 1991 Concord, N.H.	Cody Salathe Anderson	David K. Anderson Karla E. Salathe
January 25, 1991 Concord, N.H.	Molly Bell Milazzo	Bryan K. Milazzo Teresa G. Bell
March 3, 1991 Concord, N.H.	Ashley Marie Cutter	William D. Cutter Kathleen R. Thompson
April 3, 1991 Concord, N.H.	Joshua Michael Braley	Christopher A. Braley Christine A. Brown
June 3, 1991 Hanover, N.H.	John Ryan Cunningham	Thomas S. Cunningham Christel Hamilton
June 21, 1991 New London, N.H.	Nicholas David Rowe	Donald Kevin Rowe Heather Lee Morehouse
August 8, 1991 Concord, N.H.	Kimber Marie Amweg	James Merle Amweg Charlene Wilton
September 18, 1991 Claremont, N.H.	Sarah Lynn Coyle	Kenneth G. Coyle Deborah Ann Fleming
October 19, 1991 New London, N.H.	Jessica Marie Dugas	Steven A. Dugas Tammy L. Tannock
October 24, 1991 New London, N.H.	Alicia Marie Theis	Gary F. Theis Pamela J. Huntoon
November 2, 1991 Concord, N.H.	Eryal Krieger	Marc Evan Krieger Yardena Ben Aliza
December 9, 1991 Concord, N.H.	Gabriel Lee Grover	Wayne L. Grover Mary Barbara Stetson
December 21, 1991 New London, N.H.	Charles Carlton Theall, Jr.	Charles Theall Patricia Devincenzo

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Carol P. Curless*  
Town Clerk, Sutton, N.H.

**MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N.H.**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1991**

<b>Date of Marriage Place of Marriage</b>	<b>Name of Groom Name of Bride</b>	<b>Town of Residence of Each</b>
February 2, 1991 Sutton, N.H.	Raymond D. Hunter, Jr. Louise F. Merrill	North Sutton, N.H. North Sutton, N.H.
May 21, 1991 Manchester, N.H.	Scott P. Ellison Carolyn A. Nadeau	North Sutton, N.H. New London, N.H.
June 8, 1991 New London, N.H.	David G. Quigley, Jr. Lisa M. Arnold	Sutton, N.H. New London, N.H.
June 15, 1991 New London, N.H.	John W. Jones Allison D. Lugumira	Sutton, N.H. Sutton, N.H.
September 7, 1991 Enfield, N.H.	Frederick B. Green Faith A. Gasparrini	North Sutton, N.H. North Sutton, N.H.
September 21, 1991 Hillsboro, N.H.	Robert P. Oxford Patricia L. Lawrence	Sutton, N.H. Sutton, N.H.
September 21, 1991 Carroll, N.H.	Robert D. Pugliese Ruth A. Littlefield	Sutton, N.H. Bradford, N.H.
December 1, 1991 Sutton, N.H.	Richard L. King Jane E. Collins	Sutton, N.H. Sutton, N.H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according  
to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Carol P. Curless*  
Town Clerk, Sutton, N.H.

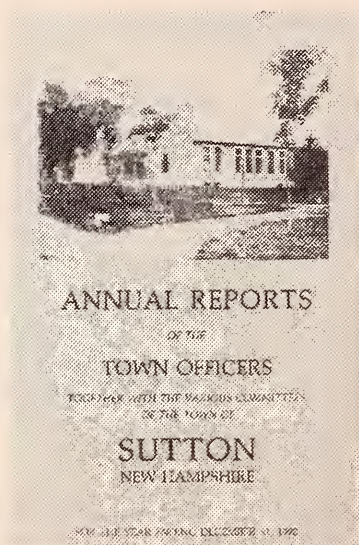
# **DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF SUTTON, N.H.** **For the Year Ending December 31, 1991**

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Residence of Deceased
February 15, 1991	Sutton, N.H.	Steven R. Hunttoon	New Hampshire
February 19, 1991	North Sutton, N.H.	Wallace E. Thompson, Jr.	New Hampshire
April 14, 1991	Sutton, N.H.	Alice E. Whitman	New Hampshire
May 7, 1991	New London, N.H.	Patricia Weinstein	New Hampshire
June 8, 1991	Sutton, N.H.	John B. McGovern	New Hampshire
June 25, 1991	New London, N.H.	John Stepanowicz	New Hampshire
July 26, 1991	Hanover, N.H.	Charles Edwin Constantinides	New Hampshire
August 3, 1991	New London, N.H.	Sylvia Smiley	New Hampshire
August 22, 1991	North Sutton, N.H.	Esther S. Avery	New Hampshire
September 10, 1991	New London, N.H.	Lila Lillian Hallock	New Hampshire
November 21, 1991	New London, N.H.	Robert Leblanc	New Hampshire

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Carol P. Curless*  
Town Clerk, Sutton, N.H.





**1990: Town Report second in 1990 NHMA contest.**

Road Committee created to assist in the planning and execution of the Capital Road Improvements Program. Aid in selection of roads, choosing an engineer, review of plans, request bids, review same, selection of contractors, supervision of the work, and final inspection and acceptance of the improvements.

Tax appeals: 14 appeals from Sutton to the N.H. Board of Tax and Land Appeals. The Board granted three abatements, the other eleven were denied.

The matter of Grist Mill Street Bridge was laid to rest by the N.H. Bureau of Municipal Highways. In a letter dated November 9, 1990: "We recommend that this bridge be 'Closed and Barricaded.'" The Selectmen voted November 19 "—bridge #09/090, Grist Mill Street over Lane River is 'Closed and Barricaded' with appropriate signage at the bridge and on Grist Mill Street at its junctions with Main Street and Corporation Hill Road."

The flood damage of August 13 received prompt attention to repairs by our Highway Department. Reimbursement from the Federal agencies amounted to \$17,225. The State is to pay 12.5% of the cost or \$2,870. The Town bears the other 12.5%.

### COLOPHON

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*"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players; they have their exits and entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts..."*







